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A BOY

★ DASH

★ BOOOM

TUMF TUMF
SSSHXXXX

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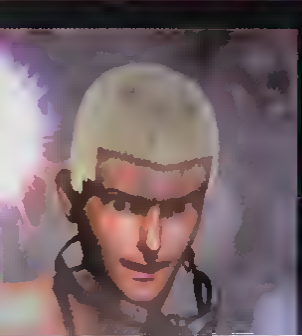
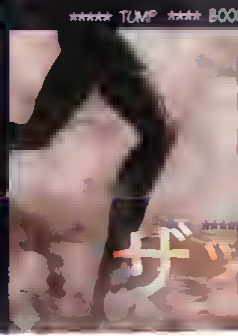
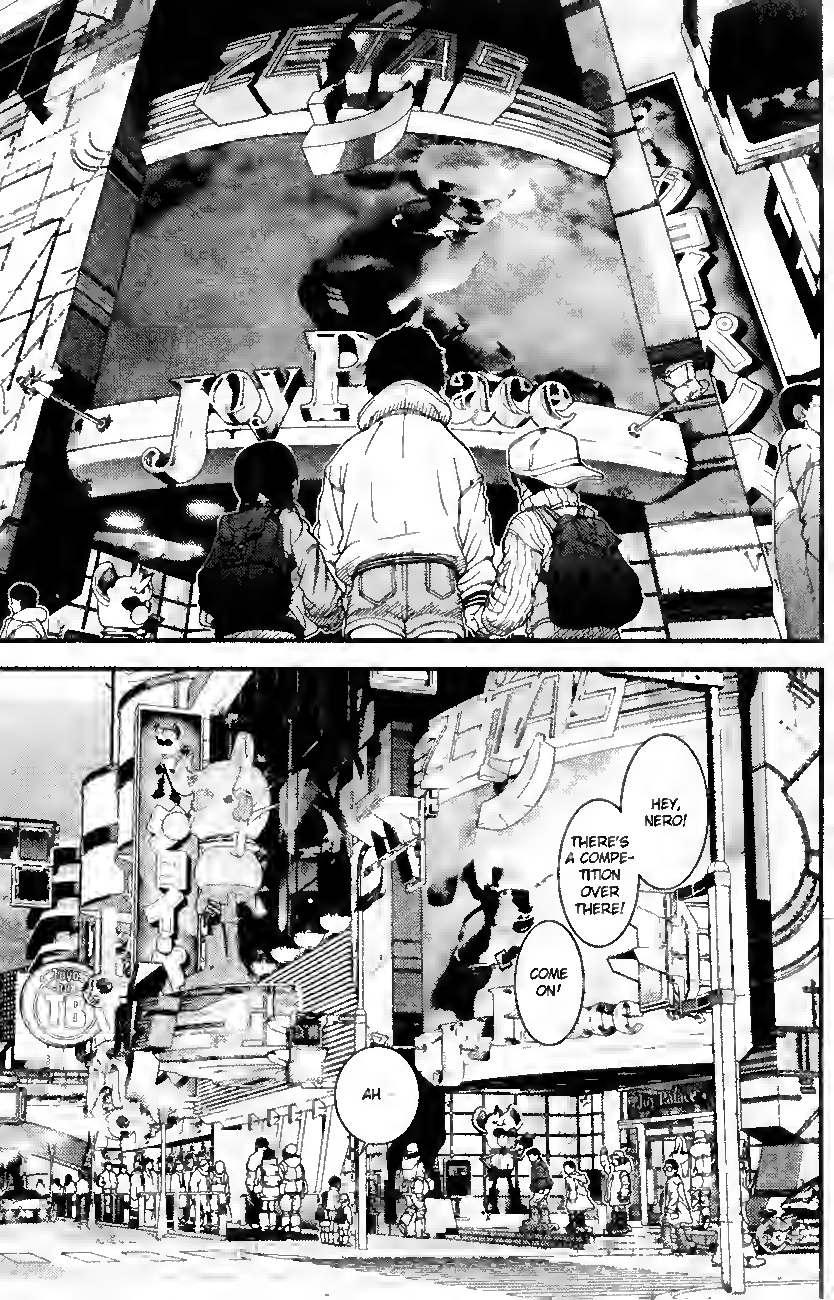
*** TUMP TUMP TUMP ** BOOM * SSSHOOO

***** TUMP **** BOO






HEY, NERO!
THERE'S A COMPE-TITION OVER THERE!
COME ON!
AH
Toy Palace

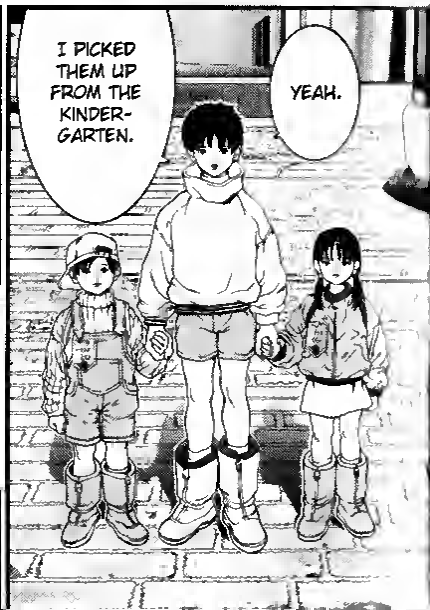
THE FIGHTING GAME. NEVER HEARD OF IT?
MBZ.
A COMPETITION?

BECAUSE YOU NEVER PLAY GAMES.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA, NERO.
MBZ?
NEW KOSIGAYA CITY

YOUR SIBLINGS?
WHO ARE THE KIDS YOU'RE BRINGING ALONG?

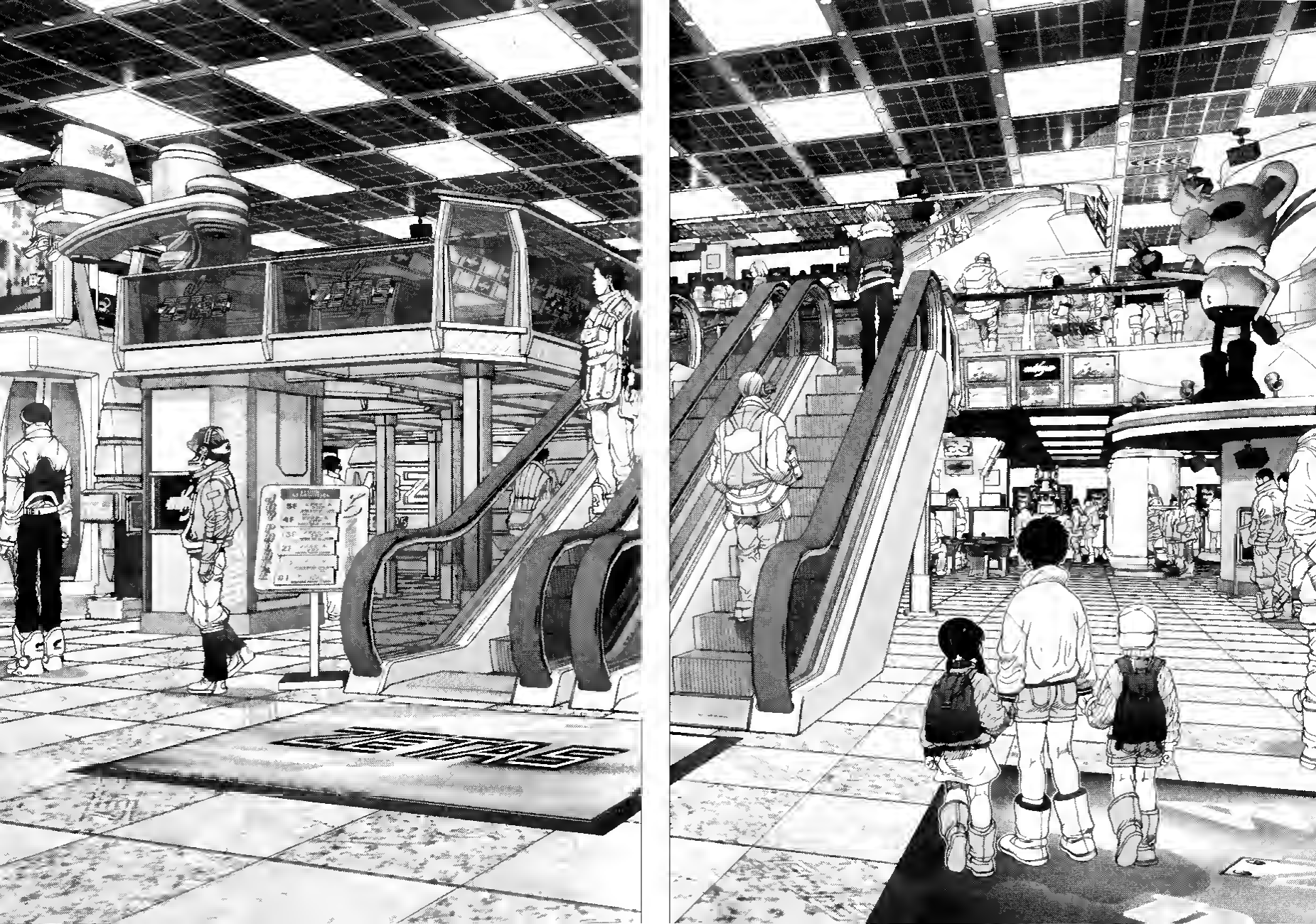
GOOD BOY NERO.
HE HE!

...


I PICKED THEM UP FROM THE KINDER-GARTEN.
YEAH.

CLICK
CLICK
LET'S GO.
CHACK
VRRR
COME ON, NERO!
SHEEE
TODODODO

THE SAME AS MURACHO'S?
YOU BOUGHT THOSE, YO-CHAN?
YEAH.
DAD WILL BE ANGRY.
COME ON.



WE HAVE A CHAMPION!
PEOPLE!
HOW FAR WOULD YOU HAVE GONE...
... MURACHO?
BULLSHIT.
SCHOOL KIDS NEVER WIN?

DEFINITELY THE BLONDE ONE.
WHICH AVATAR WAS HIS?
PSHUU
WOW.
ドン

PLEASE GET UP HERE.
SHAKE
I'M SURE NOBODY CAN BEAT HIM.
COOL.
DAMN COOL.

HEY, THAT...
...IS A SCHOOLBOY?
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
HE LOOKS SO YOUNG
THE WINNER IS REI YAGAMI...
...WITH COBRA!!

WOULD YOU LIKE...
...TO SAY SOME-THING, REI?

I'M DISAPPOINTED.
THE FIGHTERS IN THIS CENTER AREN'T VERY GOOD.
WHAT AN ASSHOLE.
HM...

THAT GUY...
...SO GOD DAMNED COOL!
HEY...
WAS IT THE GAME...
...ON THE BIG SCREEN OUTSIDE?
HUH?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?
REALLY?
THAT LOOKED LIKE...
...A REAL FIGHT
I THOUGHT IT WAS A MOVIE.
YEAH, SURE.
A GAME CENTER DOESN'T SHOW MOVIES.
HA HA HA! YOU SLEEPY-HEAD!

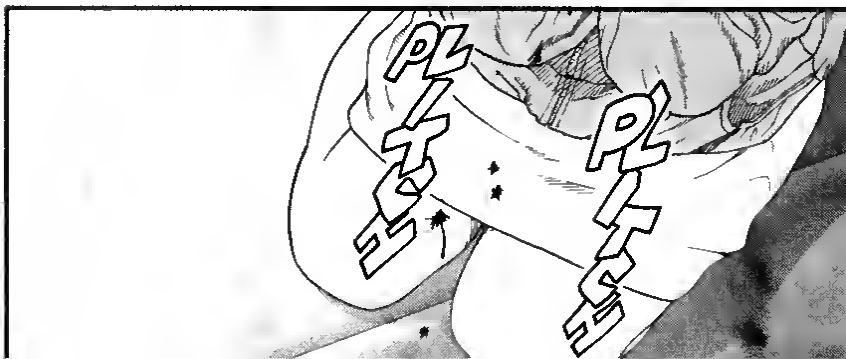
OH MAN.
MAYBE NOT?
WAS THAT A GIRL?
YES, SHE DID.
AND THAT GIRL... CONTROLLED THE BLACK FIGURE?
NO IDEA.
HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
AND THE MONEY ...
HOW DO YOU PLAY IT?
THAT WASN'T A GIRL, WAS IT?
... ANYWAY.
... COULDN'T PLAY THAT...
SOMEONE LIKE NERO AND YOSHIKAZU... WITHOUT REFLEXES...

NEXT TIME I TAKE YOU DOWN!
YOU DON'T FOOL ME!
ONCE WE SEE THE MOUSE WE'LL GO BACK.
IT'S A KOALA BEAR.
YOU'RE DONE FOR!!
PLEASE DON'T START A COMMO-TION!
FIGHT ME!!
I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN!!

IS THAT GOOD?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HE'S LEVEL B.
THIS IS GREAT!
LOOK!
WHAT?
IN THE WORLD ...
IN THE WORLD!!
LISTEN ...
IN THIS GAME CENTER?
THAT'S RANK 65!!
...IS VALID WORLD-WIDE!!
THE 65TH PLACE THAT KID GOT...
BUT IT'S VALID WORLD-WIDE.
THE CHAMPIONSHIP TODAY WAS ONLY HERE.
LIKE OUR SOHO-TV-SYSTEMS
THE MACHINES ARE CONNECTED TO ALL THE GAME CENTERS IN THE WORLD.

THEY'RE GONE.
YEAH.
YOUR YOUNGER SIBLINGS?
WHERE ...?
OH?
HURRY.
THAT'S ENOUGH BACK TO NERO
HEY
IT'S SUPPOSED TO MOVE.
ナビ
ISURUGI
*BUSINESS HOURS 10:00 - 24:00 **CLARA ISURUGI

ISURUGI
TOM!
*TOM ISURUGI
!
FUU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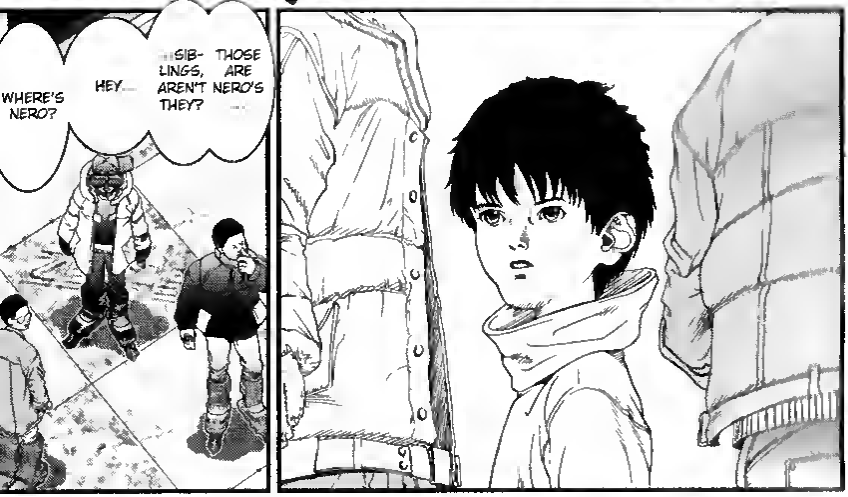
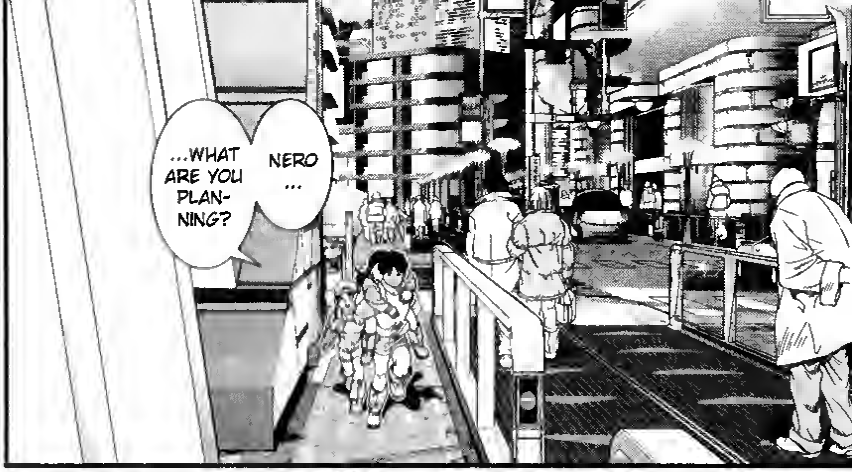
PLICK

KIDS AREN'T ALLOWED IN HERE.
WHAT THE HELL...?
BUAAH
UAAH
UAAH

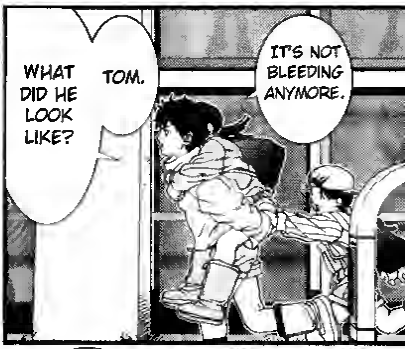

WHERE'S NERO?
HEY...
...SIBLINGS, AREN'T THEY?
THOSE ARE NERO'S ...

UAAA

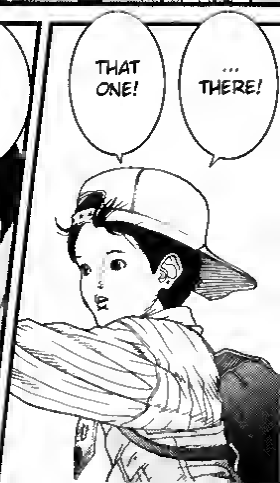
NERO....
...
WHAT HAP-PENED?
NE... ROOO ...
TOM.
WHY IS CLARA BLEEDING?
A BAG HIT HER IN THE HEAD.
SOB ...
SOB ...
SOB ...
SOB ...
A BAG?
WHO? WHERE?
HE LOOKED AT US AND WENT AWAY.
WHERE TO?
THAT WAY.
LET'S GO!
OUCH.

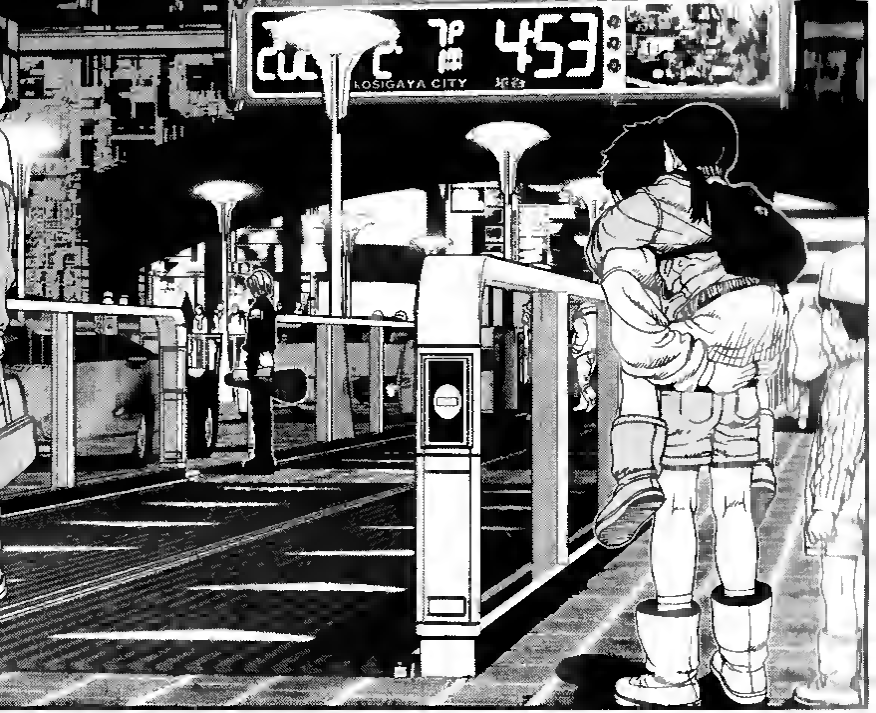

NERO ...
...WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING?

AN ADULT?
NO, A KID.


TOM.
WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?
IT'S NOT BLEEDING ANYMORE.

WHAT?


THAT ONE!
... THERE!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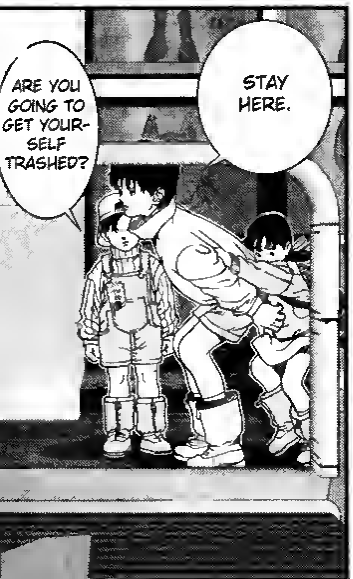
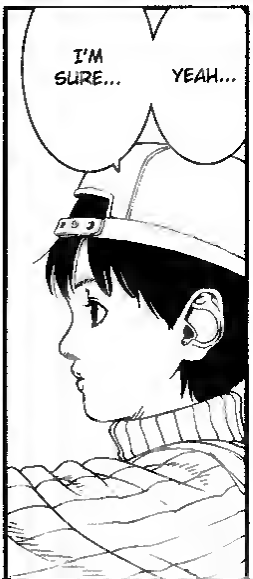

ARE YOU GOING TO GET YOUR-SELF TRASHED?
STAY HERE.


I'M SURE...
YEAH...

YOU SURE...?
THAT ONE?

EXCUSE ME...
EX-
TU TUM
TU TUM
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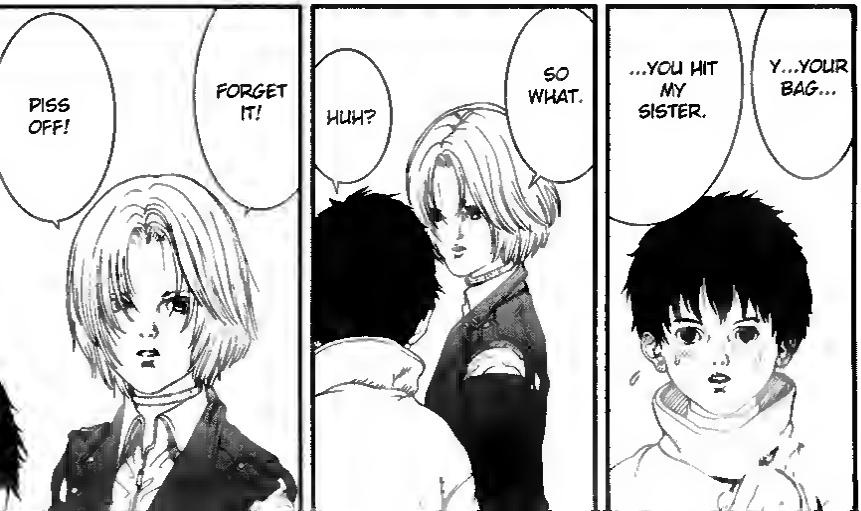
TU TUM

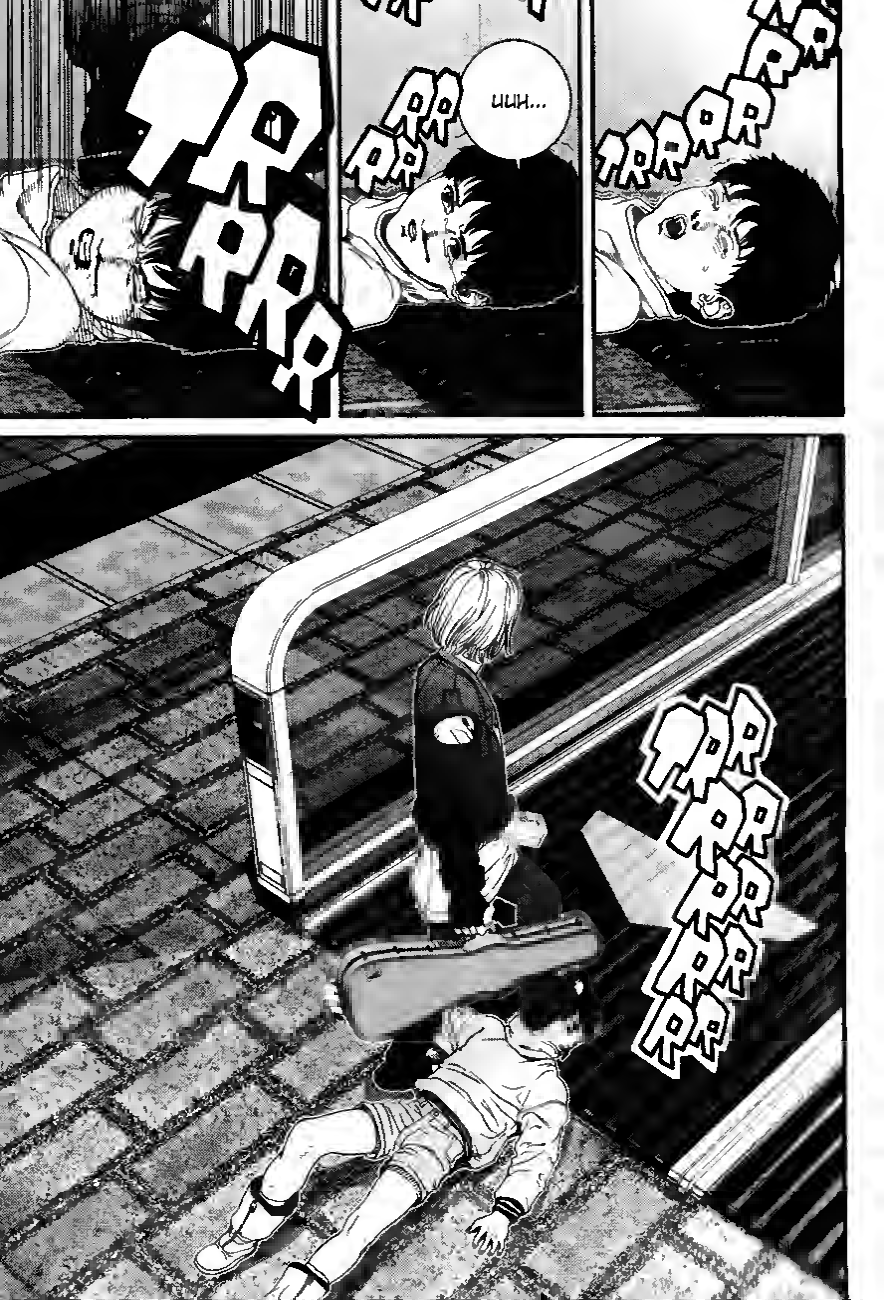

Y...YOUR BAG...
...YOU HIT MY SISTER.
SO WHAT.
HUH?
FORGET IT!
PISS OFF!

TSK
...
ANNOYING.
APOLOGIZE!!

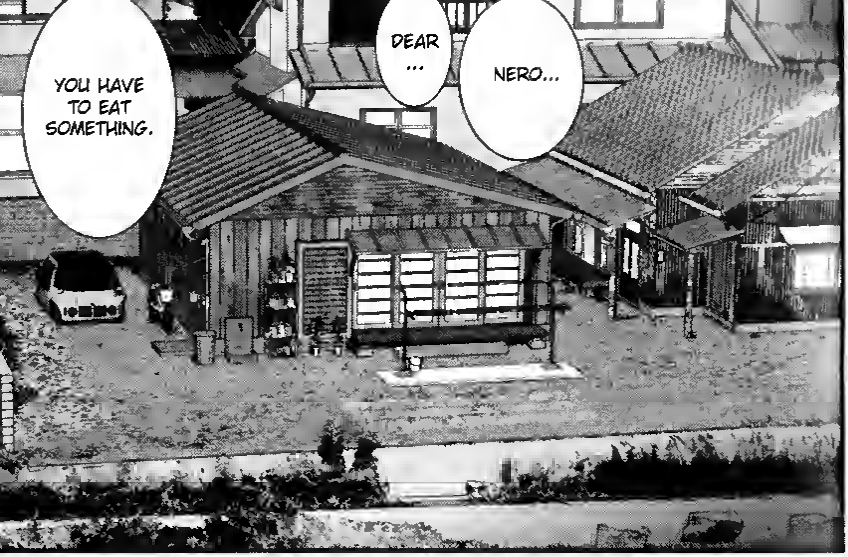
NEROO ...
WAIT!!
MY SISTER IS BLEEDING!! APOLOGIZE!!
WAIT!!
GRABB

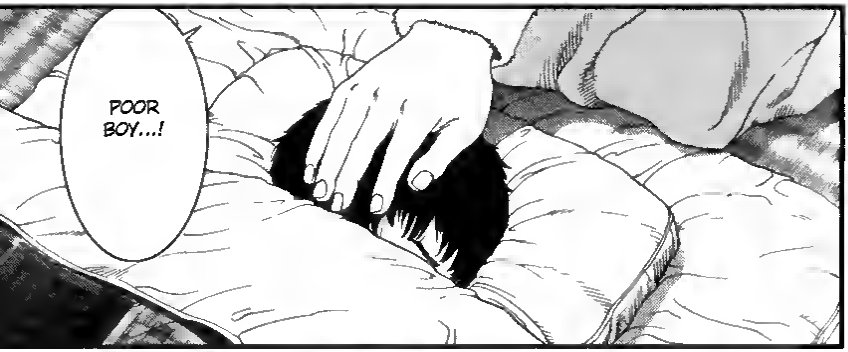
THUMP
!?
SHUUU

2nd VEF BATTLE CHAMPIONSHIP
JOIN THE FIGHT!
EMPIRE
ZETA ENTERTAINMENT
SLAM


TRRRR
RRR
UUH...
TRRRR
TRRRRRRRR

OOH!
AAHH?!
TRRRRRRR
IS HE DEAD?
...
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
EEK!
WAAAHH...
NEROOO! NEEEE-RROOO...


YOU HAVE TO EAT SOMETHING.
DEAR ...
NERO...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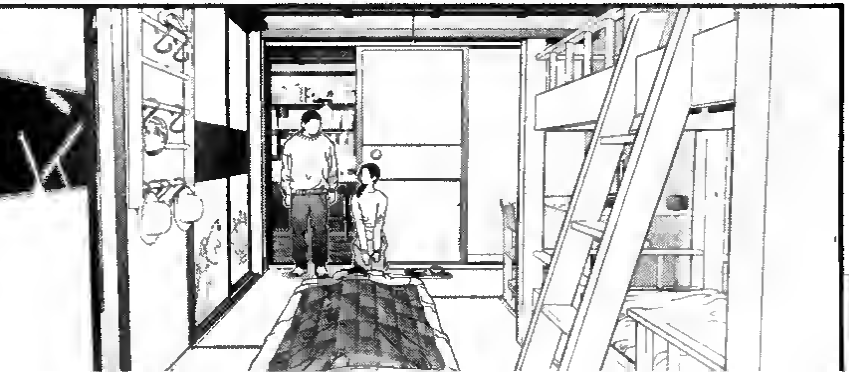
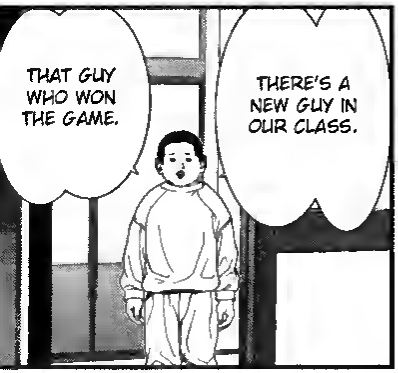


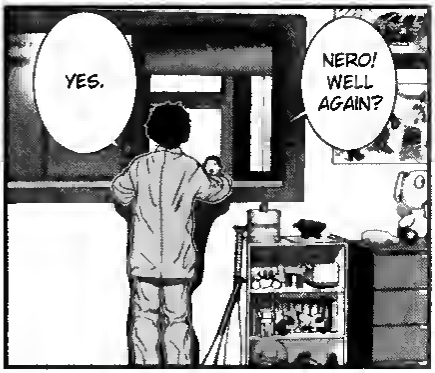
I FORBADE YOU TO GO INTO A GAME CENTER.
THAT SOME-THING HAP-PENED...
... TO CLARA AND TOM...
...IS ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT.
SNIFF SNIFF
BUHUUU ...
DON'T EVER GO INTO A GAME CENTER AGAIN.
NEVER.

I FOUND A GREAT TALENT.
I'M HAPPY.
BY THE WAY...
IT'S TALKING ?
HEY, WHAT'S THAT?
...HAVE GOOD EYES.
YOU...
GIGI
THE EYES!!
WHO? ME?

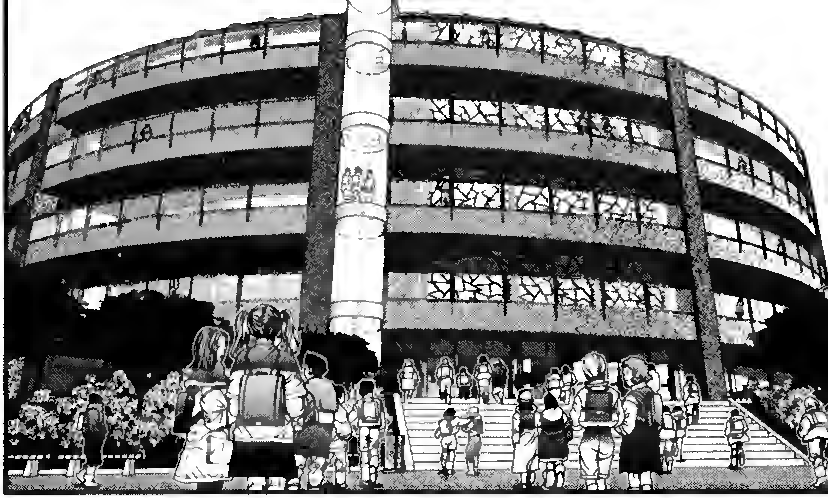
YOU COME HERE EVERY DAY.
...THAN SOMEONE LIKE HIM!!
YOU HAVE SO MUCH MORE TALENT...
SHUT UP, LOUDMOUTH!

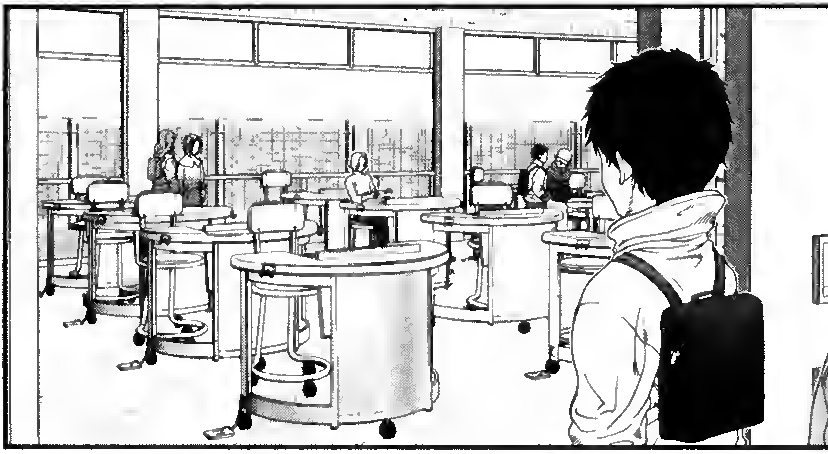
YOU'D BETTER STAY HOME.
YOU STILL HAVE A FEVER.
NERO IS ILL.
HELLO, YO-CHAN
I HAVE... TALENT... FOR THE GAME..

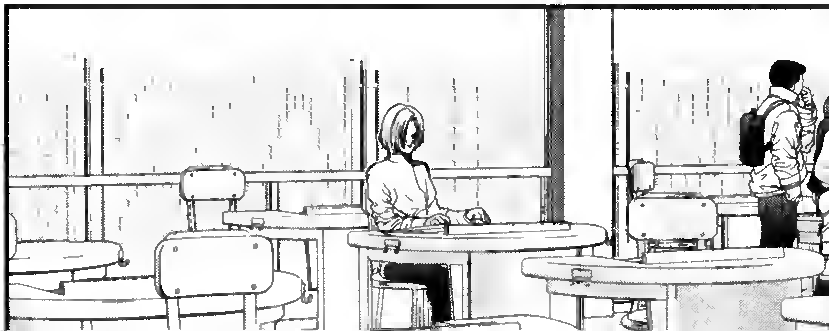

THAT GUY WHO WON THE GAME.
THERE'S A NEW GUY IN OUR CLASS.


YES.
NERO! WELL AGAIN?

WHAT?







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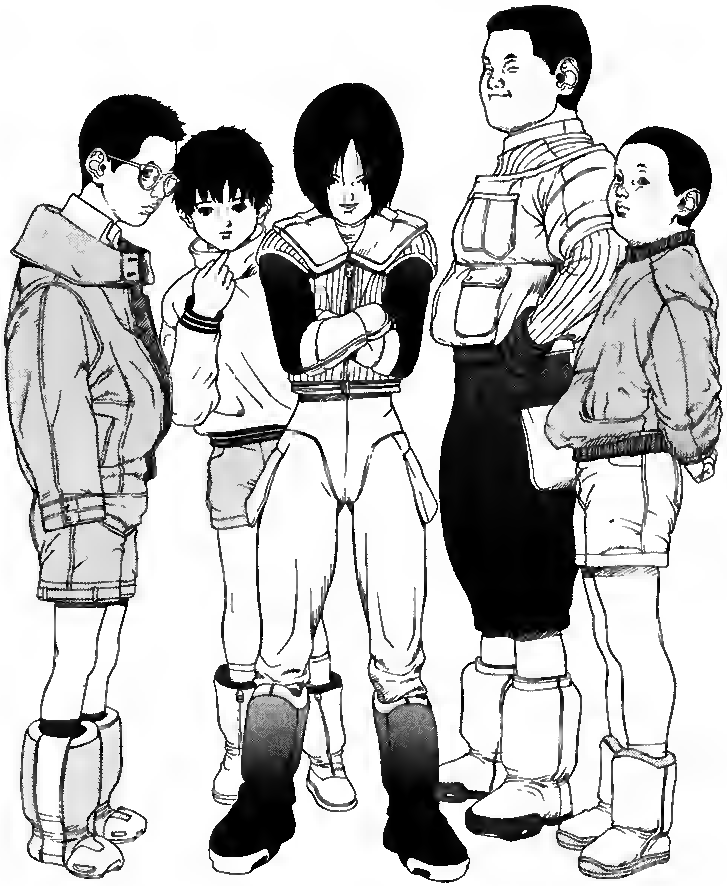

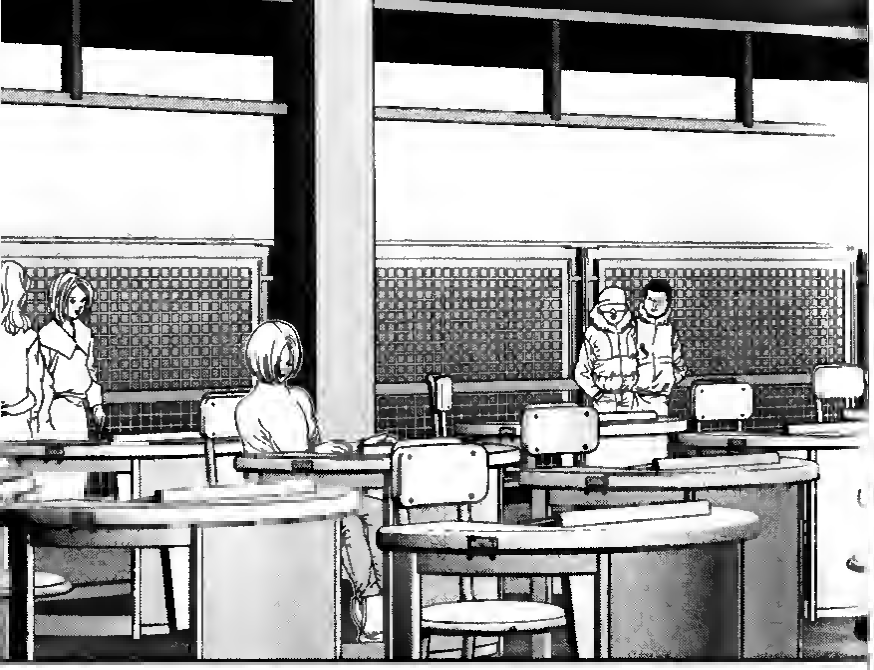

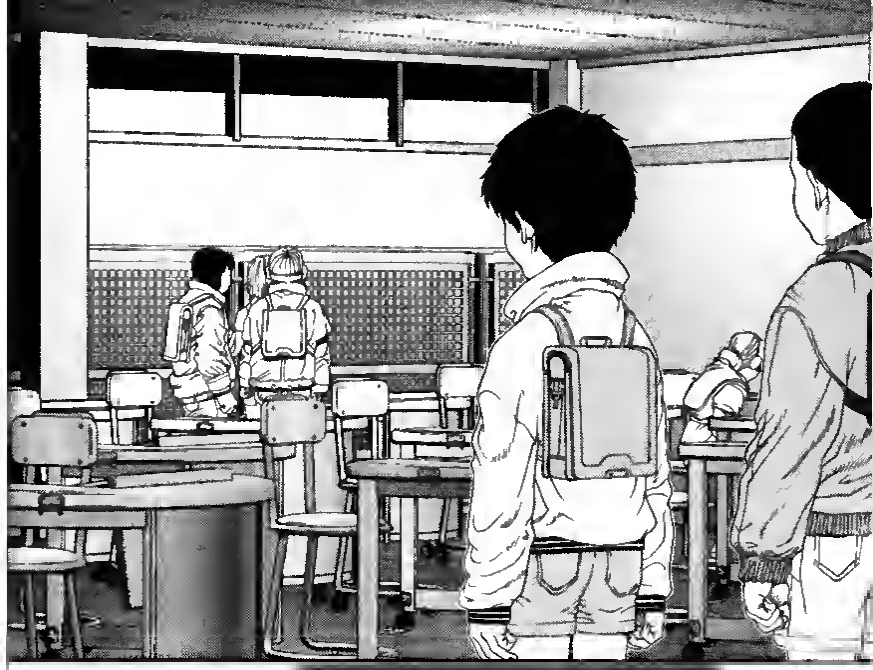

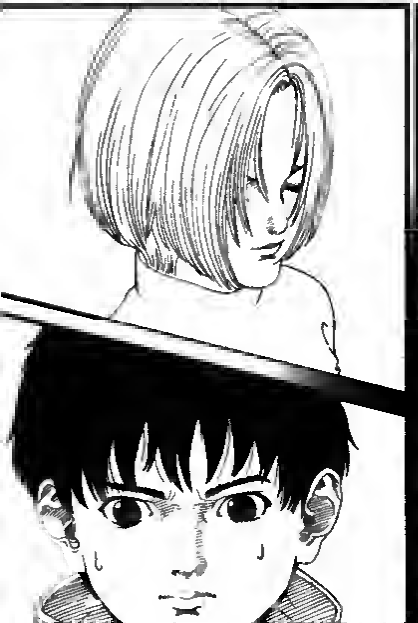

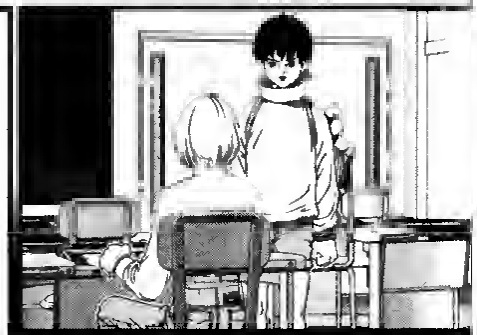

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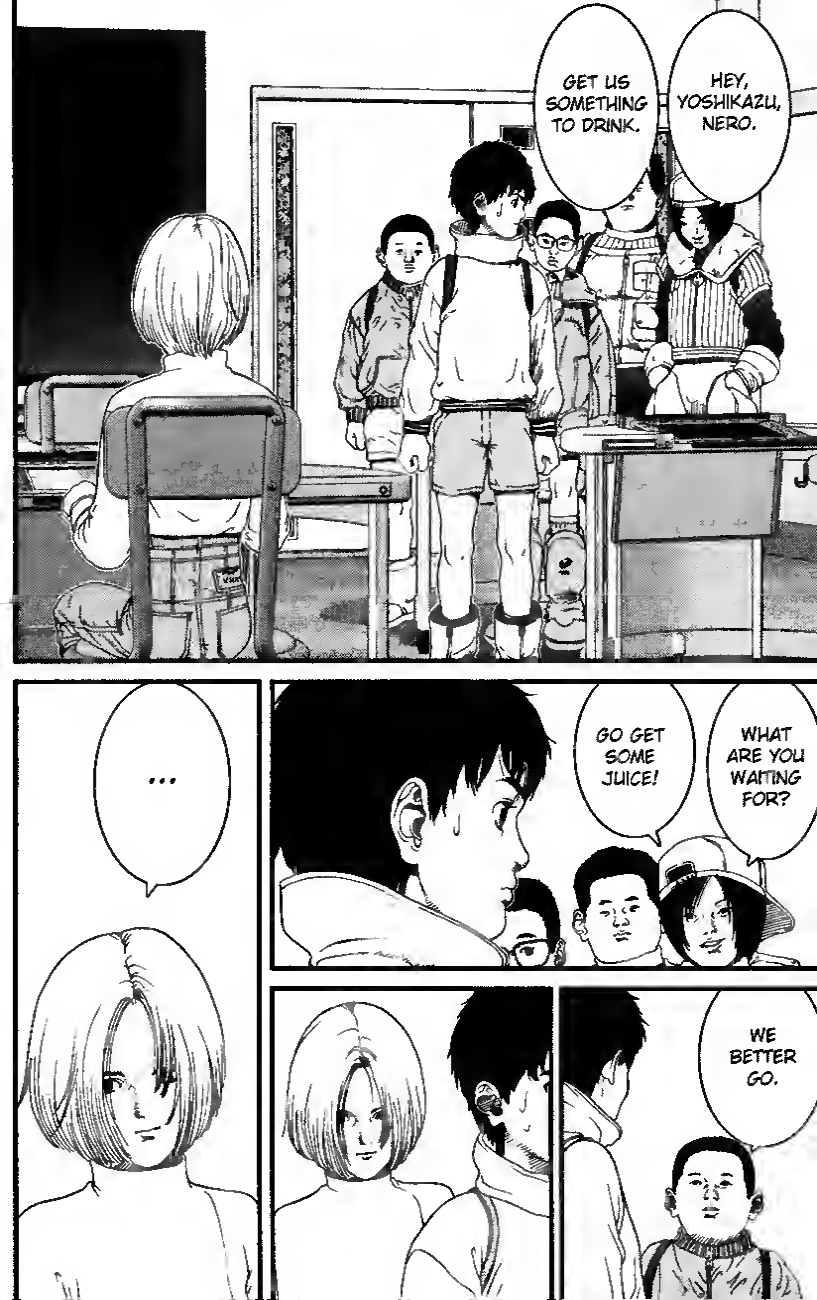
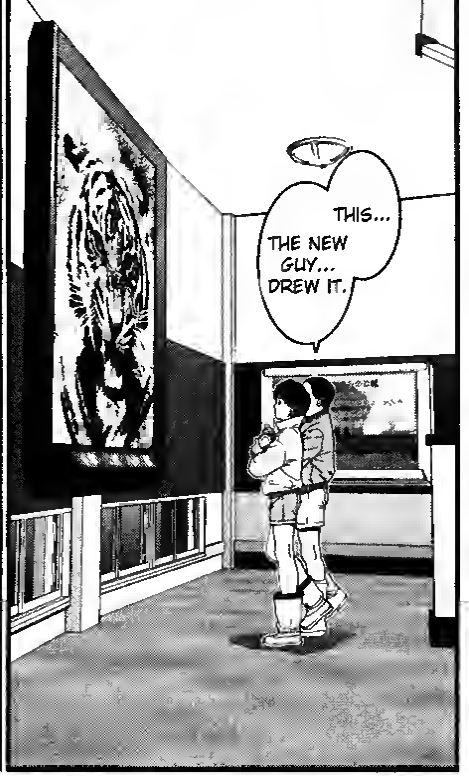
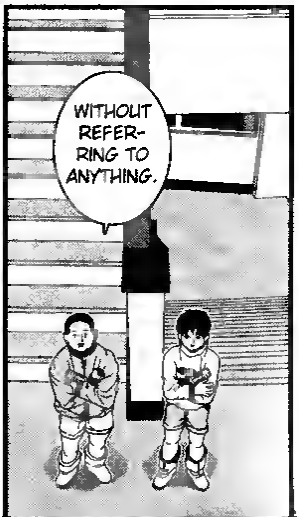
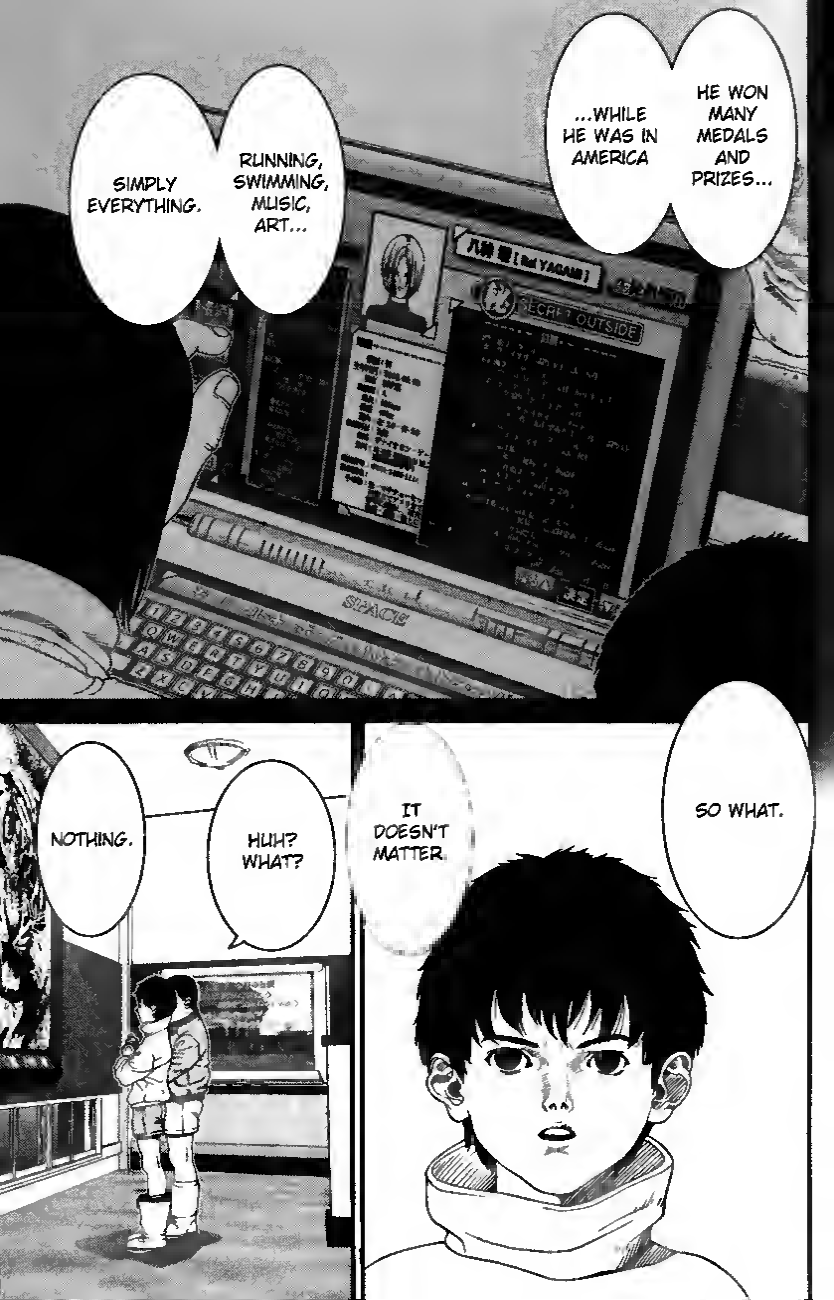

HEY, YOSHIKAZU, NERO.
GET US SOMETHING TO DRINK.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
GO GET SOME JUICE!
...
WE BETTER GO.


THIS... THE NEW GUY... DREW IT.

HE MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION YESTERDAY.


WITHOUT REFER-RING TO ANYTHING.

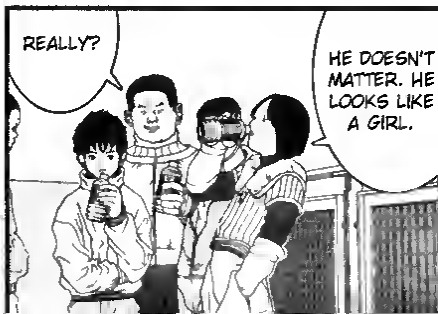
EVERY-ONE WAS OFFEN-DED.
... AREN'T ALLOWED TO TALK TO ME "
"PEOPLE WITH AN IQ LOWER THAN 140...
THEN HE PROJECTED IT ON THE WALL:
IQ 4
HE TRIED TALKING TO THE GUY, BUT THE NEW GUY IGNORED HIM.
MURACHO WAS SO EXCITED.
HE HAS AN IQ OF 200.
IT'S FAR HIGHER.
AS IF HIS IQ IS HIGHER THAN 140.
THAT GAVE US A SHOCK
... WE TOOK A LOOK AT HIS FILES.
WHILE HE WAS OUTSIDE...

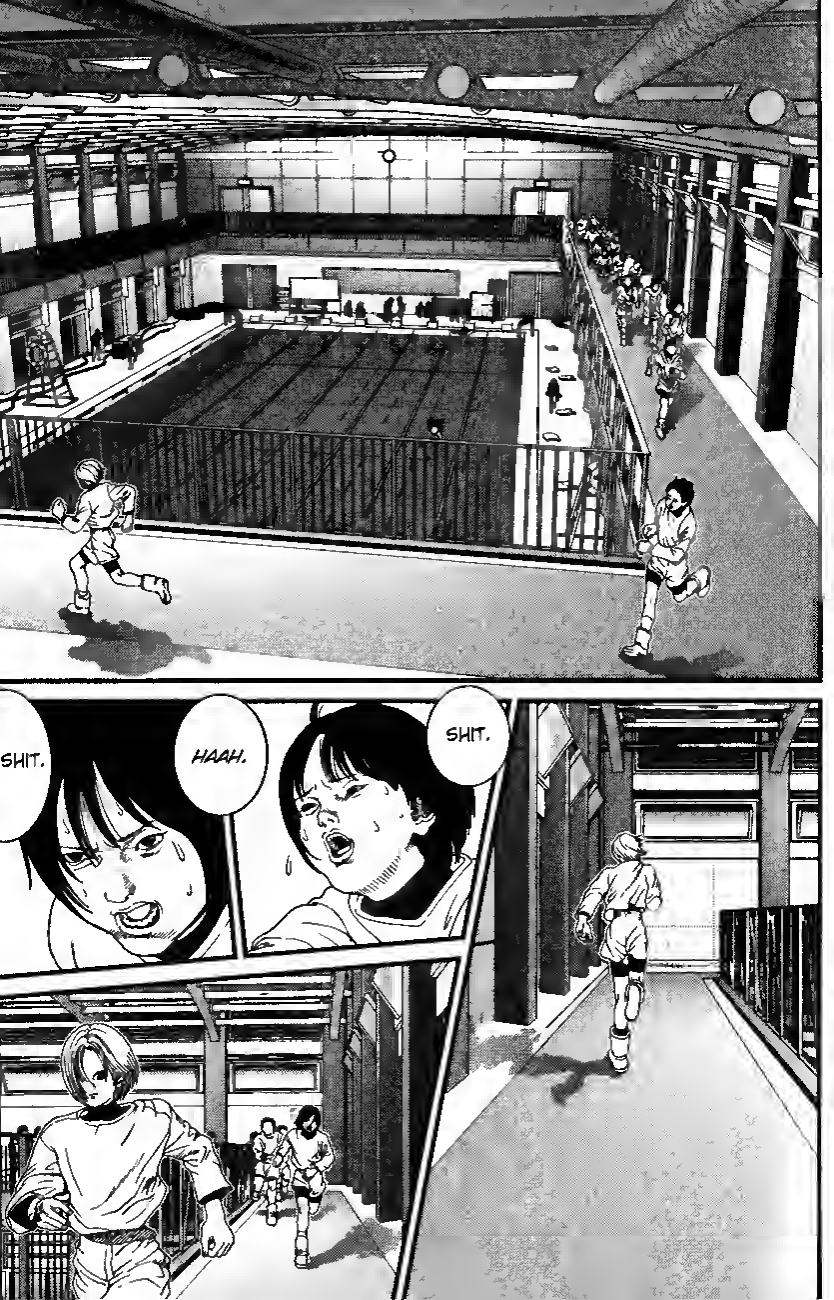

HE WON MANY MEDALS AND PRIZES...
...WHILE HE WAS IN AMERICA
RUNNING, SWIMMING, MUSIC, ART...
SIMPLY EVERYTHING.
SO WHAT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
HUH? WHAT?
NOTHING.

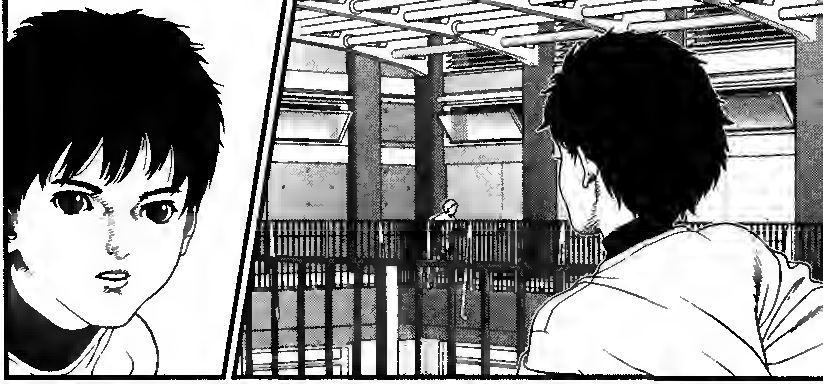
AN IQ OF 200? AND AMERICAN?
THAT CAN'T ALL...
...BE TRUE.
BUT THE PICTURE.
PHOTORE-ALISTIC, AND HE DIDN'T REFER TO ANYTHING.

OF COURSE!
IN THE NEXT PERIOD ...
...I'LL SHOW HIM...
...WHAT A REAL RUNNER IS.

HE'S ONLY SHOWING OFF.
DAMN ASSHOLE.
WHAT'S WRONG?


HE DOESN'T MATTER. HE LOOKS LIKE A GIRL.
REALLY?

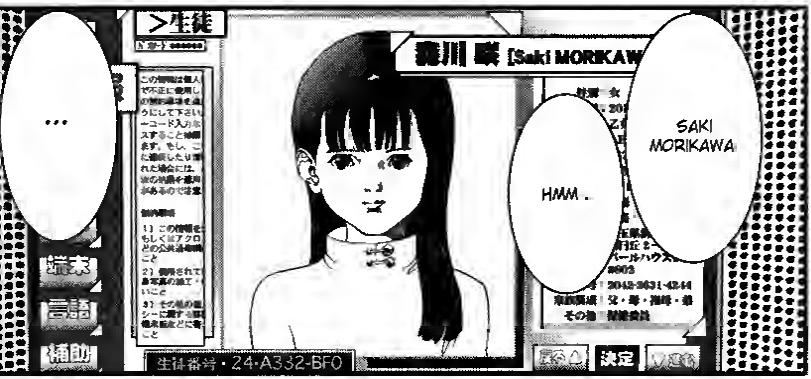

SHIT.
HAAH.
SHIT.



REALLY ...?
...OH.
WAIT FOR ME!
YOU'RE TOO FAST!
NERO!

THAT'S WORTH AN APPL-AUSE
YAGAMI..
YOU'RE NOT EVEN BREATHING HEAVILY...

BIP
WHO THEN?
A GIRL FROM CLASS B LIKES A BOY FROM HERE.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森川 咲 [Saki MORIKAW
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言語
補助
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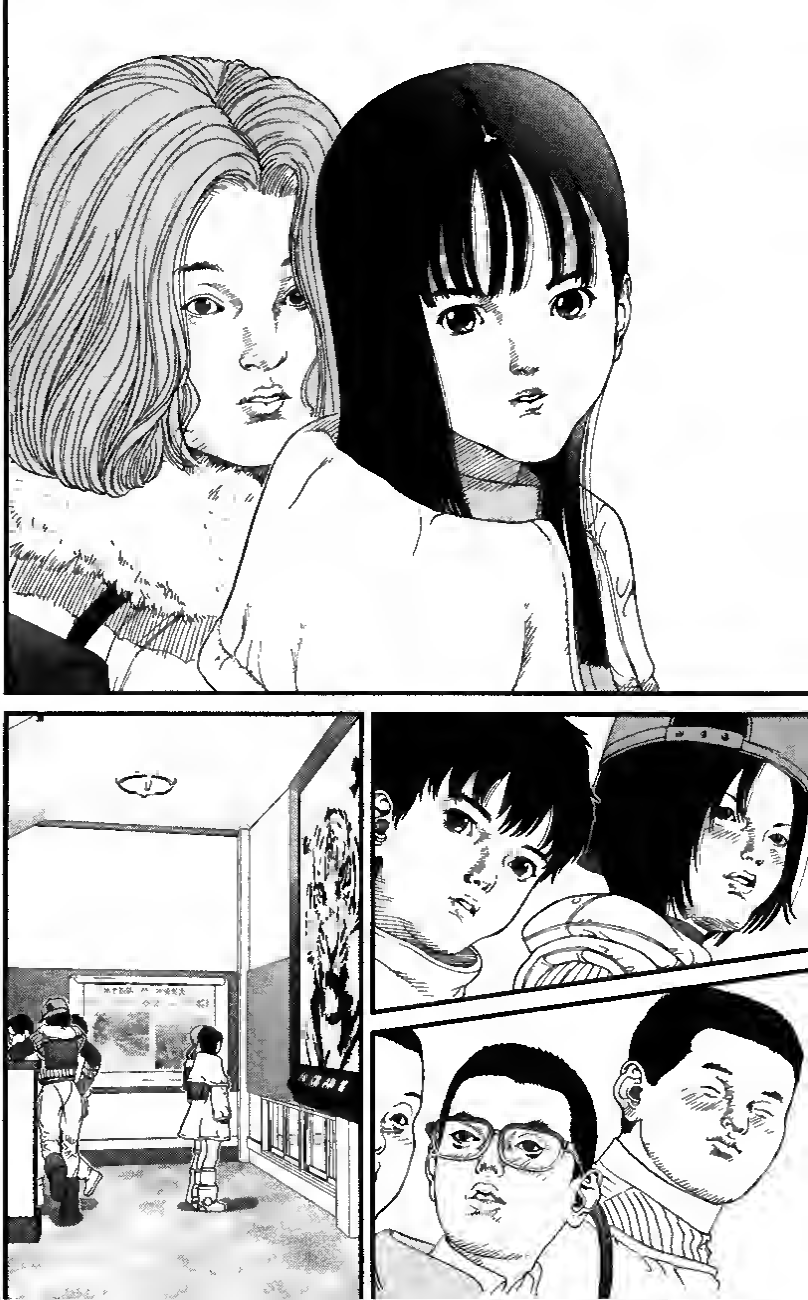
決定
...
HMM .
SAKI MORIKAWA

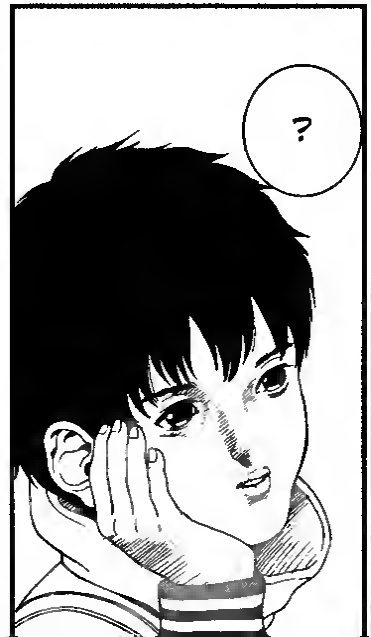
...
IT'S YAGAMI, SUPPOS-EDLY.
TU TUM TUM
TU TUM
TU TUM
WHO DOES SHE LIKE?

TAKE CARE.
TIME TO GO HOME.
THERE ARE SOME UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS TOO.
THOSE ARE ALL TEACHERS.
WHAT DO THEY INTEND TO DO WITH YAGAMI?
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT.
HE'S GOING TO GET A LECTURE, RIGHT? BECAUSE OF HIS ARRO-GANCE.

...CAN BEAT HIM.
NOBODY T THIS SCHOOL...
HO!



WHAT?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, NERO?
MURACHO SAID SHE'S UGLY.
AH.
YEAH.
I GOTTA GO TO THE TOILET.
GIRL?
?
THE GIRL.
...
...
YAGAMI
...



SMILE
SHIP
WHA?

TELL ME, ISURUGI...
...WHY DON'T YOU EVER EXERT YOURSELF DURING SPORTS?
WHEN I TAKE MY DOG, GASSI, FOR WALKS...
...I OFTEN SEE...
...HOW YOU PLAY SOCCER OR BASKETBALL WITH YOUR FATHER.
YOU HAVE GOOD REFLEXES.

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TU TU M
TU M
YAGAMI...

BLINK
UHM...
WA!
SMILE
?!
...
DURING SPORTS?
WHY DON'T YOU EXERT YOURSELF...
TELL ME...

...GOOD REFLEXES.
YOU HAVE VERY...
THEY SAY...
UH... WELL...
...YOU PLAYING SOCCER OR BASE-BALL WITH YOUR DAD.
...I OFTEN SEE...
WHEN I GO FOR A WALK WITH THE DOG...
?
YOU LIKE YAGAMI...
YEAH. OH.
PAFF
OH...
!

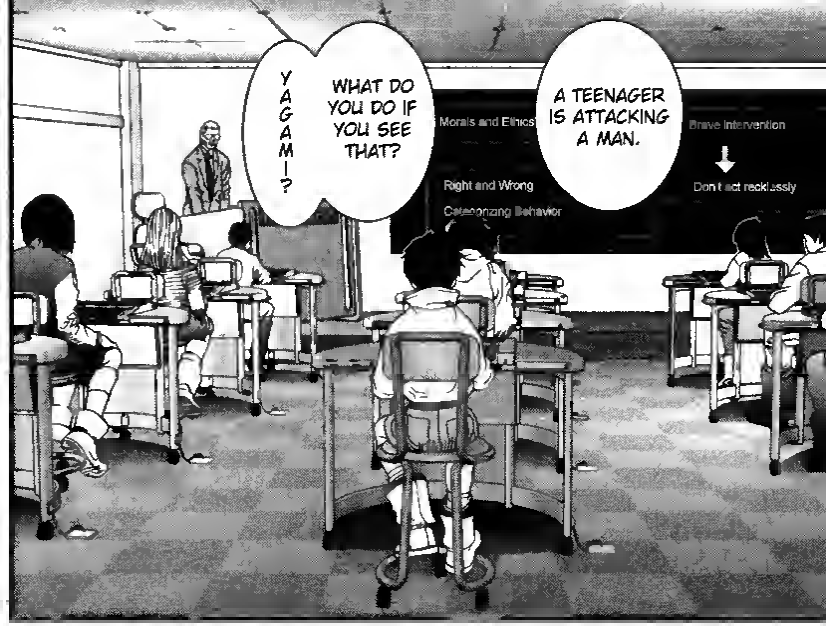
...A FAN OF ISURUGI.
I AM...
ガタゴト

SHE WAS ONLY PLAYING WITH YOU.
DON'T TRUST HER.
HUH?
NOBODY LIKES GUYS LIKE US.
AND SHE IS ANOTHER CLASS ALTO-GETHER.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER...
...TO ME.
YEAH SURE
AND DOESN'T MATTER.
UGLY.
OK.
BYE.
...
SO LONG.

!
ハッ

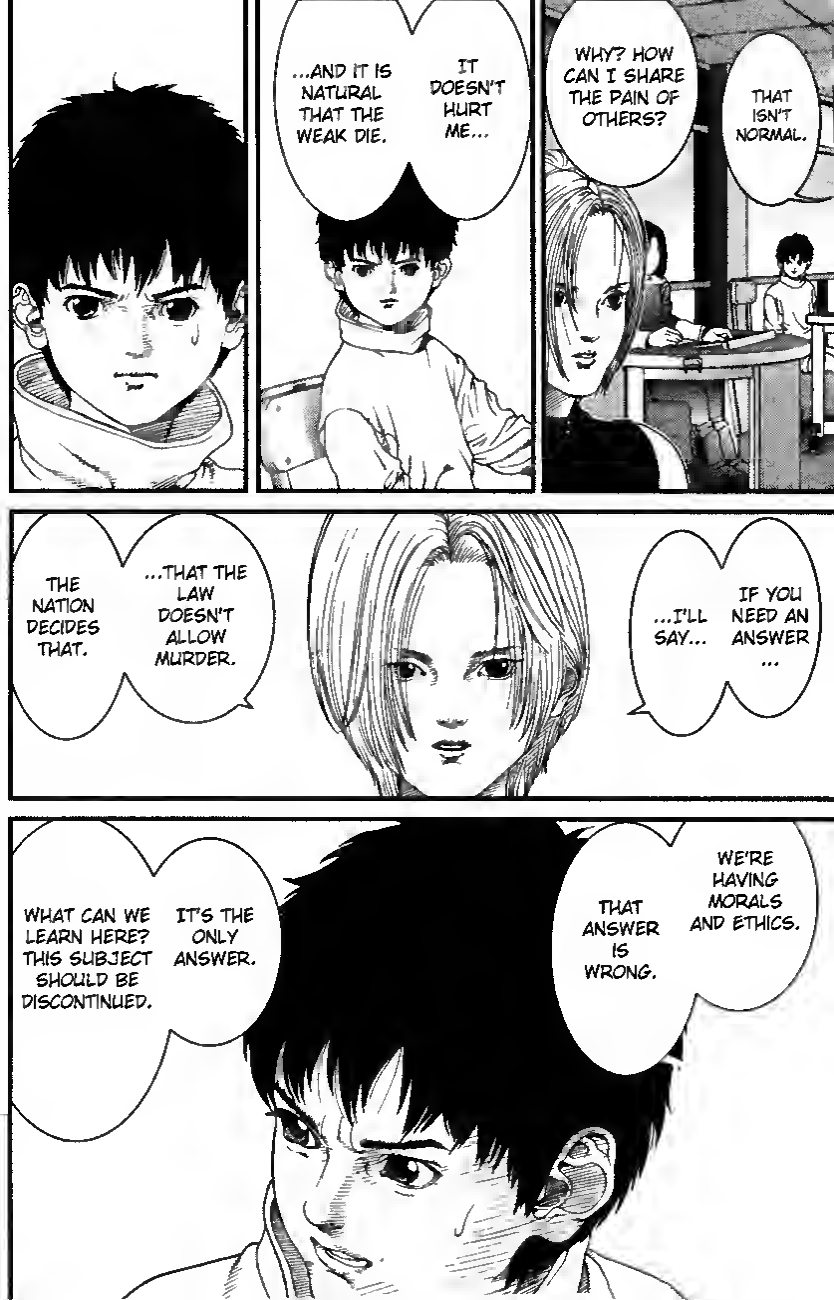
!!
OUT OF THE WAY!
CLASS 5C
Yoshida

YOUR TASTE IS AWFUL.
CAN'T BE.
BETTER THAN THE GIRLS IN THIS CLASS.
SHH!
REALLY? TERASAKI. OH...
HIM? NO WAY!
AND YOU NERO? DO YOU LIKE SOMEONE?
YOU YOURSELF HAVE THE HOTS FOR HER.
AND YOU!? SAKI MORIKAWA?
YAGAMI...


YAGAMI?
WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU SEE THAT?
A TEENAGER IS ATTACKING A MAN.
Morals and Ethics
Right and Wrong
Celebrating Behavior
Brave Intervention
Don't act recklessly

WHO DECIDED THAT?
...WHY IS IT FORBIDDEN TO KILL PEOPLE?
...THAT IS.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ONE THING.
...

...
?!...
NO.
NOT AT ALL.
...SHARE THEIR PAIN.
YAGAMI, WHEN YOU HURT PEOPLE YOU...
NO.
THAT IS NOTHING.
...OR WHEN YOU SEE THEM CRYING...
...HURT OLD PEOPLE OR KIDS...
WHEN YOU...


...AND IT IS NATURAL THAT THE WEAK DIE.
IT DOESN'T HURT ME...
WHY? HOW CAN I SHARE THE PAIN OF OTHERS?
THAT ISN'T NORMAL.
THE NATION DECIDES THAT.
...THAT THE LAW DOESN'T ALLOW MURDER.
...I'LL SAY...
IF YOU NEED AN ANSWER ...
WHAT CAN WE LEARN HERE? THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED.
IT'S THE ONLY ANSWER.
THAT ANSWER IS WRONG.
WE'RE HAVING MORALS AND ETHICS.

YAGAMI, GET HIM!
EH... AH... YEAH...
THE OUTER FIELD IS EASY TO PLAY.
WHY DIDN'T THEY ATTACK US EARLIER, NERO?

AAAH!
BAM

BAM
HEY!
STOP!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING? EVERYONE'S AGAINST YAGAMI!
THAT'S UNFAIR!

BWAM

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ドガ
TO

GREAT, YAGAMI!
YEEES! YAGAMI!!
GET THEM!
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES!
DEFEND YOUR-SELVES!
NERO! YOSIGAKU!
YAGAMI, COOL!
DON
DON

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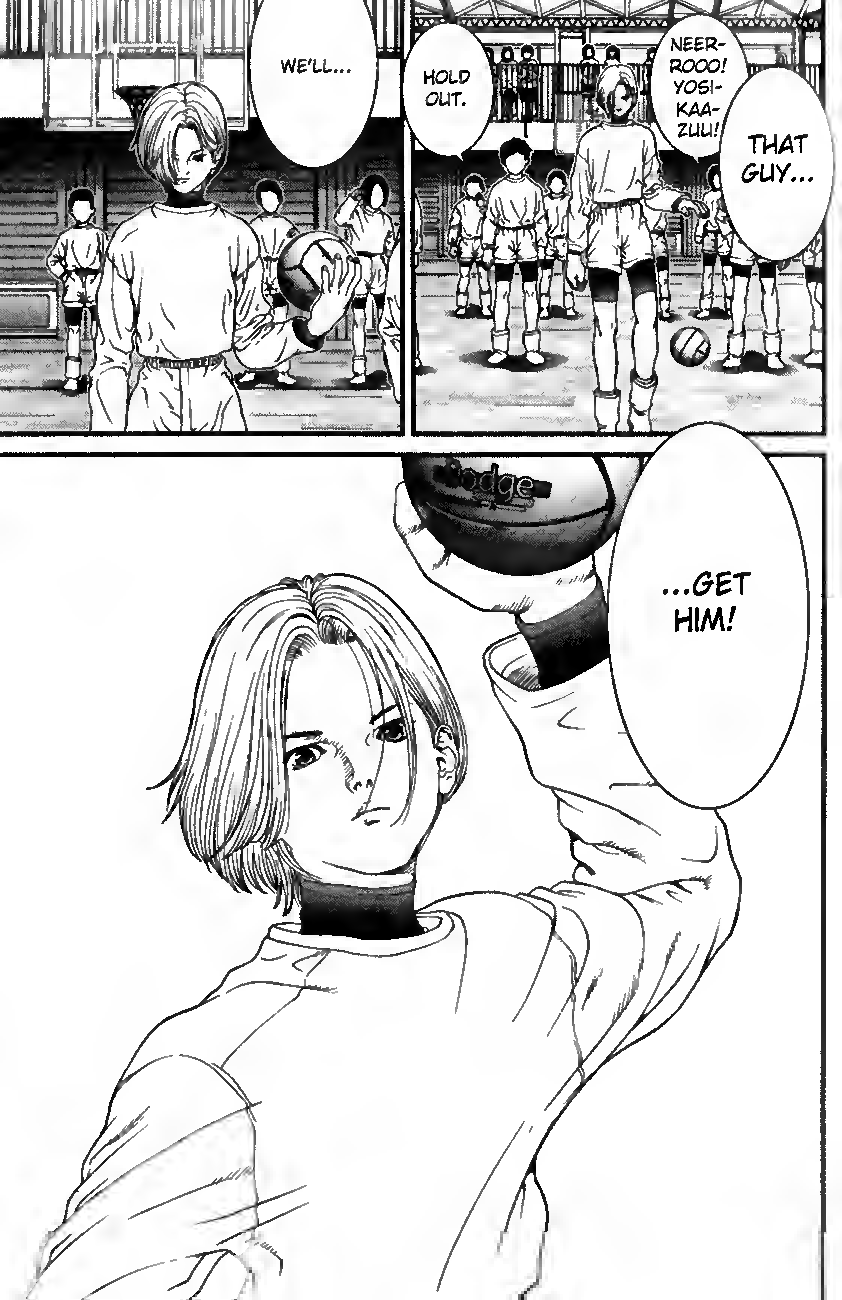
ONLY TWO!!
YAGAMI!

YAGAMI, ONLY TWO LEFT!
ONLY TWO!

YAGAMI!
ONLY TWO!
LET'S GET IT OVER WITH.
ONLY TWO!!
NE... NERO...
RATTLE
RATTLE
WHAT?
...AND WIN.
WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT...
STAY CALM.
YO-CHAN!
WE CAN DO IT!
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL LOSE, IT'LL COME TRUE.
TRY IT!


WE'LL...
HOLD OUT.
NEER-ROOO! YOSI-KAA-ZUU!
THAT GUY...
...GET HIM!

AH!

HAH!
GOT IT!
?
I'M... STILL ALIVE?

TOM
TOM
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
... NERO ...

NGH...
AAHHRRR!
OH

FINISH THEM OFF!
THOSE TWO ARE STUNNED!
THAT WAS LUCK!
HURRAY! YAGAMI!!!
TON TON TON
GO ON, LIKE THAT!!
ISUURUUGII!

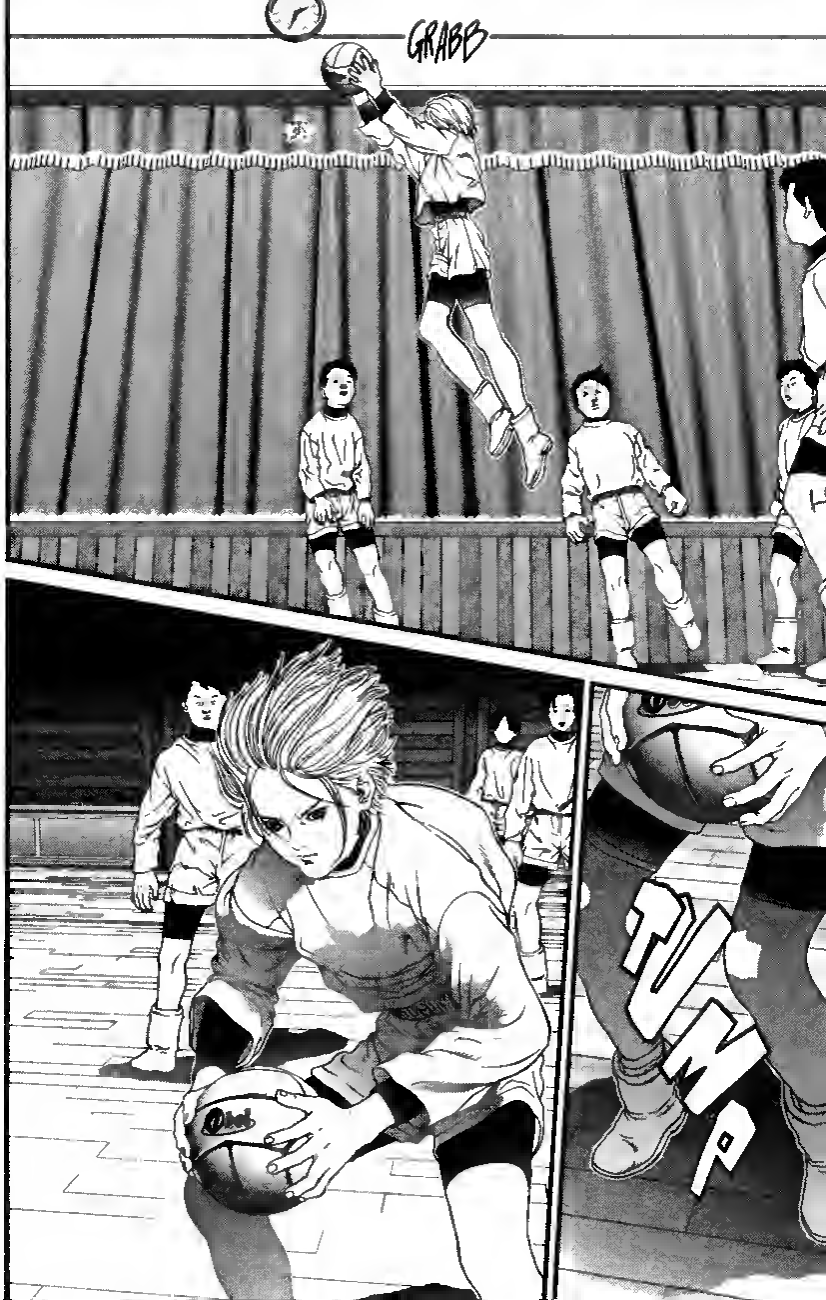
...FIGHT ON TOO.
I WILL...
...
WHAT THE...
SAKI MORI-KAWA? WHY...
AH!
BIMM
DUM
GLOB

BAM!!

WHAM

ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL

MORA


GRABB
JUMP

RIGHT...
WHAT'S WITH NERO ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YEEEEAAAAA
YAA
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
...
...THAT WAS NOTHING.
FINISH HIM!
YAAAAAA
YAGAMI!!
YAAAH
AGAMI!!!!!!!
TUM
TUM

FINISH HIM!
ONLY ONE! YAGAMI! GO!

[X005] Defeat

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ONLY ONE!
ONE!!
1-2-3 ONLY...
YAGAMI! ONLY ONE LEFT!
ONLY ONE!
FINISH HIM!
ONLY ONE!
YAGAMI!!!
ONLY ONE!
ONLY ONE!
ONLY ONE!

ONLY ONE!
ONLY ONE!
ONLY ONE!
ONLY ONE!
ONLY ONE!
ONLY ONE!

HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!

SHUU
ZBAAAA

!!
ドクン
ドクン
ドクン
?!

OW!
UHN...
SQUEEZE
6:01 AM
HAH!
HAH!
BUT...
I...
CAN...

YAGAMIII!
YAGAMIII! COOL!

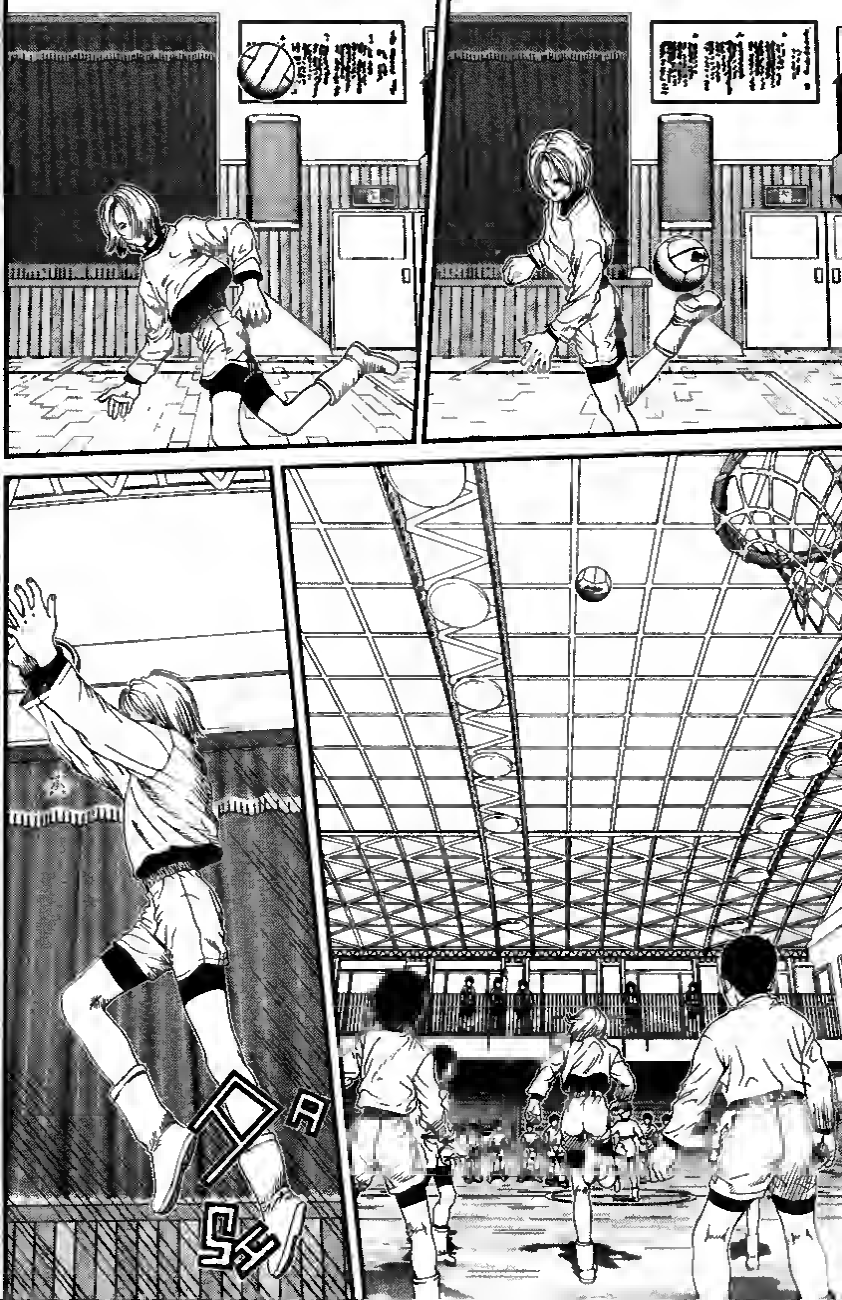
SBAM
GO!
GREAT, NERO!
OOOHHH!
TSK!
AAAH
OOOH

OOPS...
SHING
YEAH, HE'S COOL.
HE'S GREAT.
BEAT THEM!!
BEAT THEM!!
YEAH! YOU CAN DO IT!
NERO...

HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!

MURACHO!!
WHAT?
WHAT?

!!
THUMP
!?
GULP
OH!
TOO LATE!!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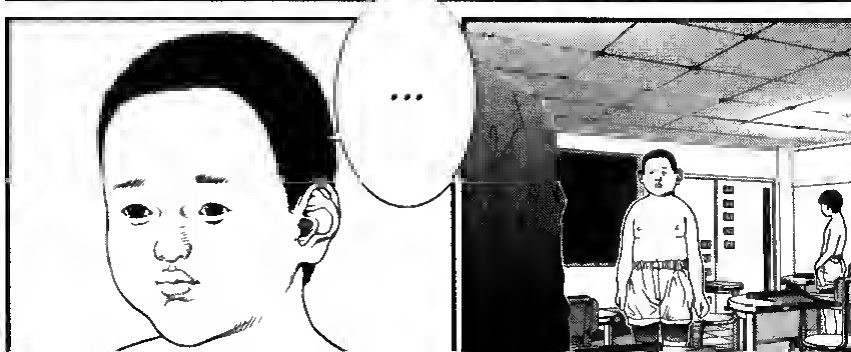
GRAB
WATCH OUT!! ABOVE!!

BA
BAM
TINK
TINK
TINK

YAGAMI!
COOL!
ANF
ANF
YEEAAH!
YAGAMIIII!!!
YAAGAAMI!!
COOL!
YAAGAAMI!
YAAOH
YAAOH

[X006]
Fathers
HEY, NERO!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE AS SLOW AS YOSHIKAZU.
HOW THE HECK DID YOU MANAGE TO PLAY LIKE THAT?
I'M IMPRESSED.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WHAT?
I SHOULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL ANYMORE.
...
I'M FAT AND DOING BAD IN SCHOOL.
A PERFECT TARGET.
WHY?
YOU WON'T!
I'LL BE PUSHED AROUND.
AND I'M LEFT OUT
YOU'RE FAMOUS
AS A CHILD.
...YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT EARLY.
BUT...
THAT HE OR SHE IS THE BEST AT
...THAT EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING
MY FATHER ALWAYS SAYS...

EVEN I... THE BEST OUT OF EVERY-ONE...!
THE BEST OUT OF EVERY-ONE...
NOT YET.
DO YOU KNOW YET?
...
... AROUND 14...?
HOW EARLY...?
...THAT I CAN DO BETTER THAN YAGAMI.
...IF THERE IS ANYTHING ...
I WANT TO KNOW...
BEST OUT OF EVERY-ONE OR NOT...
...
...
!!

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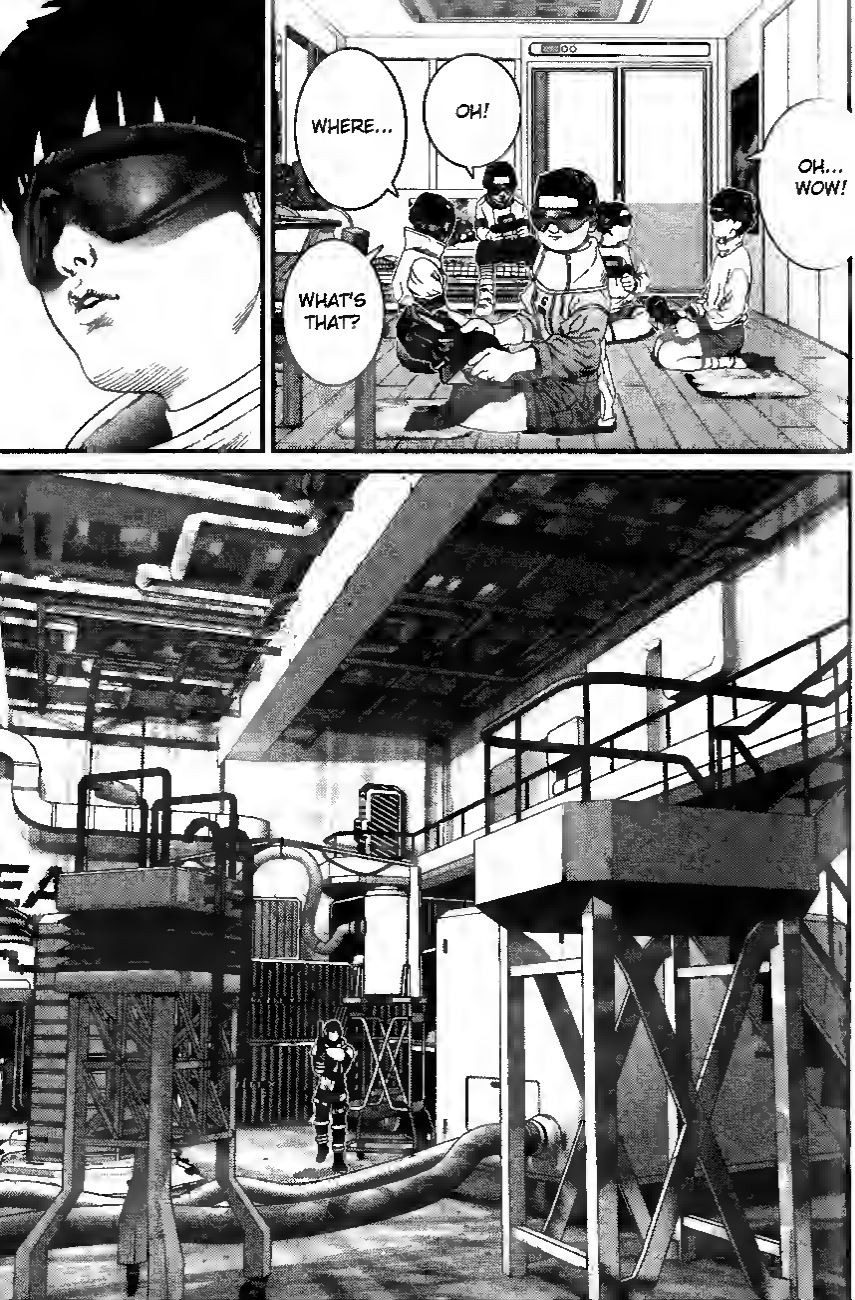
VUUU!!!
HOLD YOUR HEAD STILL.
VUUU!!!
LOOKS GOOD, YOSHI-KAZU.
Scanning
DONE!!

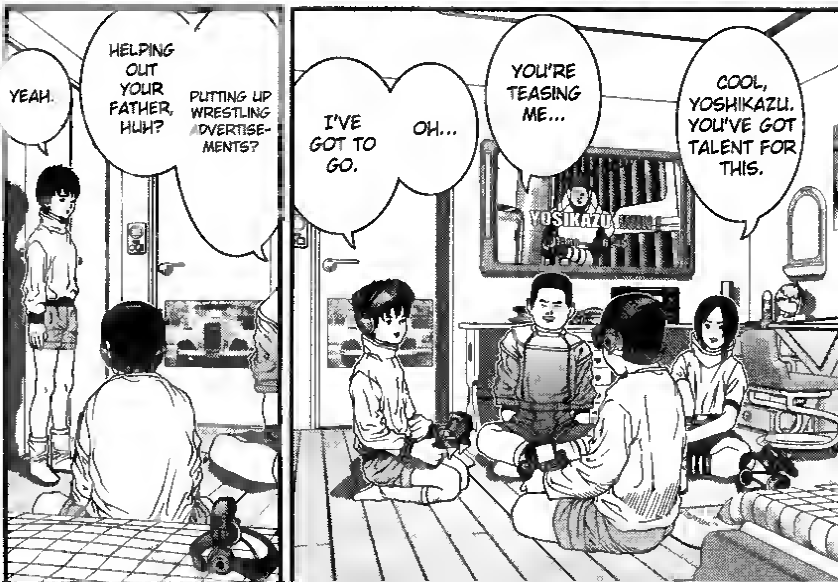
I BOUGHT IT...
...FOR YOU.
FATHER TOLD ME NOT TO PLAY GAMES, AND...
I...
NOT FOR ME!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY.
...
... MOVE THE GRIP...
... BUTTON A...
CHICK
CHICK
...MOVE THIS GRIP AND YOU WALK. BUTTON B...
HOLD BUTTON A...
IT'S EASY. LIKE THIS.
CHICK


WHERE...
OH!
OH... WOW!
WHAT'S THAT?

...
CHAK
!!
CHAK
CHUUM
ARGH!
?!
SH

HAH!
HAH!
HA HA HA! YOU IDIOT.
YOSHIKAZU KILLED ME.
HEY, IS ANYONE DEAD?
CHUUM
ARGH!
!?
!!
OH!
C55
CHUUM
ARGH!
!?
AMAZING.
OOH! GREAT, YOSHIKAZU.

!?
RATTLE
RATTLE
BANG


COOL, YOSHIKAZU. YOU'VE GOT TALENT FOR THIS.
YOU'RE TEASING ME...
OH...
I'VE GOT TO GO.
HELPING OUT YOUR FATHER, HUH?
PUTTING UP WRESTLING ADVERTISEMENTS?
YEAH.
YOSHIKAZU

HI, NERO.
WHERE IS YOSHI-KAZU?
HE'S STILL WITH SOME FRIENDS.
GOING TO HELP YOUR FATHER?
YES.
THANK YOU FOR BEING YOSHIKAZU'S FRIEND.
AH...
DON'T MENTION IT.

NOT HOPE-LESS.
BUT HE IS NOT STUPID.
...
I ADMIT THAT.
HE IS REALLY HELPLESS.
I AM REALLY THANKFUL TO YOU FOR THAT.
NOW HE GOES TO SCHOOL. THANKS TO YOU.
...DO YOU REMEM-BER?
WHEN HE WAS 6 YEARS OLD, HE WANTED TO LEAVE SCHOOL
OH NO, DON'T THANK ME FOR THAT...
HELLO.
HELLO, ISURUGI-SAN.
LET'S GO.
NERO.

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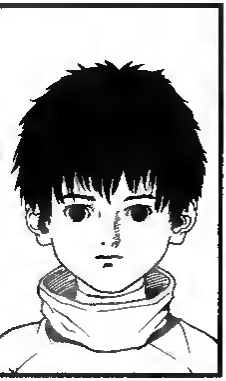
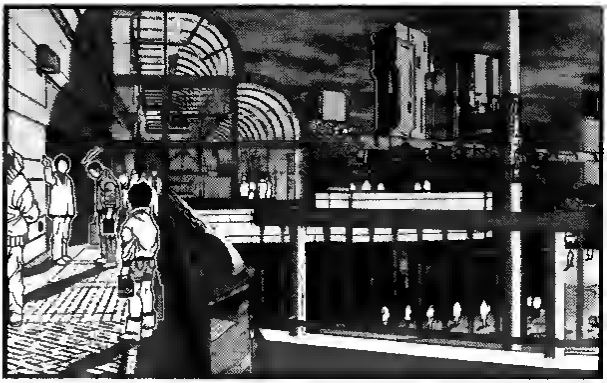




OH!
I THOUGHT...
...THIS IS WHERE MR. KITAYAMA LIVES.
ARE YOU BLIND?
IT SAYS YAGAMI RIGHT THERE.

PLEASE ASK HIM IF I CAN PUT THIS UP HERE.
I'LL COME BY AGAIN TOMORROW.
...PLEASE GIVE THIS TO YOUR FATHER?
WOULD YOU...
GO AWAY
GUESS HE MOVED, THEN.
STRAP
NEWS

?!
!!
STOMP
STOMP
!!
LET'S GO, NERO.

YES
AH...
PICK THAT UP!
!!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
...
HEEY!

DID YOU FIND IT?
THE THING THAT YOU WILL BE BEST AT?
EH?
NO.
NOT YET.
DON'T GO TO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
WHAT?

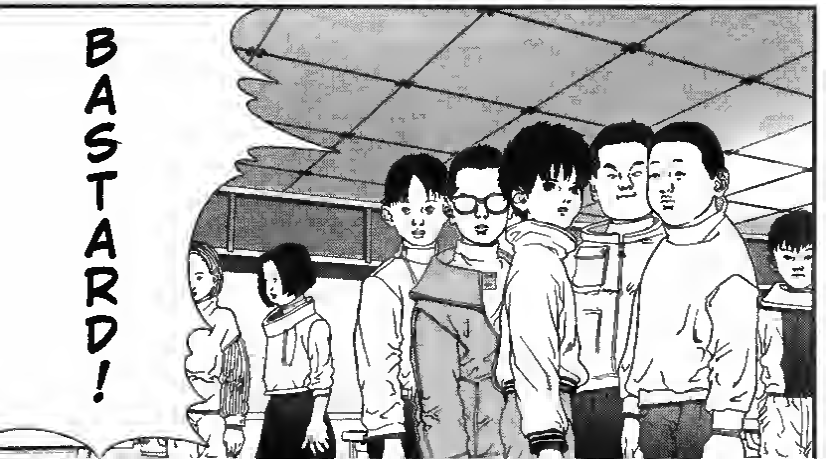
[x007]
FAMILY
AT LEAST LET HIM GO TO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
NO.
HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.
HE HAS TO FIND IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IF HE DOESN'T GO TO SCHOOL
HE WON'T FIND ANY FRIENDS
HE'LL BE LONELY.
FINDING HIS TALENT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FINDING FRIENDS.
THIS DISCUSSION IS OVER.
MY MIND IS MADE UP.
GULP
!!

...TO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
I WON'T GO...
IT'S OKAY.
VRAAA

I WON'T ...
...ALLOW THAT.
I WON'T ALLOW ...
...THEM TO BE SEPARATED.
MURACHO, FUJIN, HASHIMO-CHAN.
THE PARENTS OF ALL MY FRIENDS ARE DIVORCED.
MY FAMILY IS POOR.
BUT I'D BE PROUD...
...IF MY FAMILY STAYS TOGETHER.

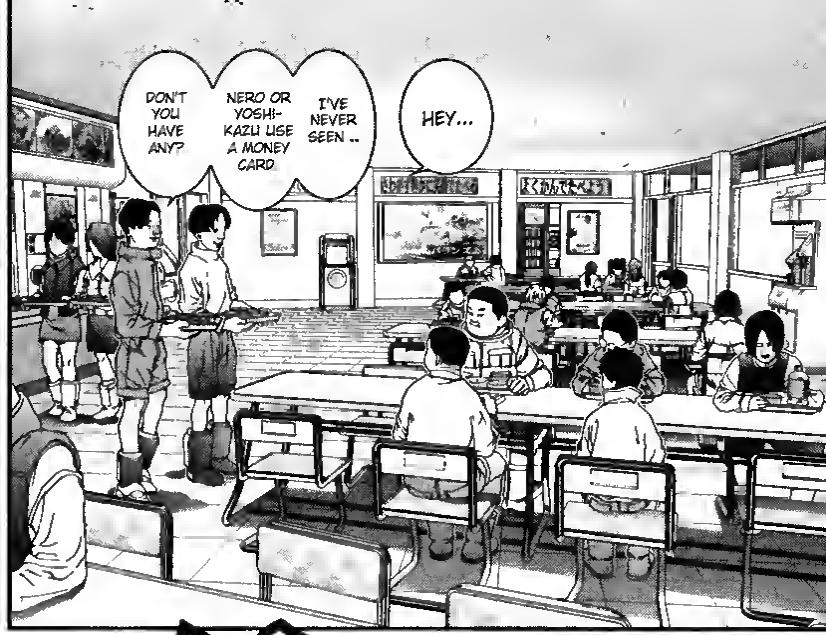
WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE LIVE HERE?
UNBE-LIEVABLE.
NO IDEA.
HEY, NERO. WHY DON'T WE GO BUY...
...OUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS TOGETHER LATER?
...
I...
WHAT?
NOTHING.
?!
TUTUN

*WEIRD SPORTS

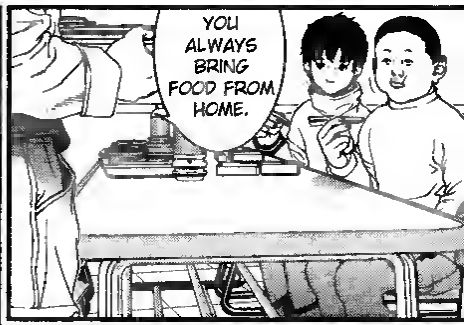


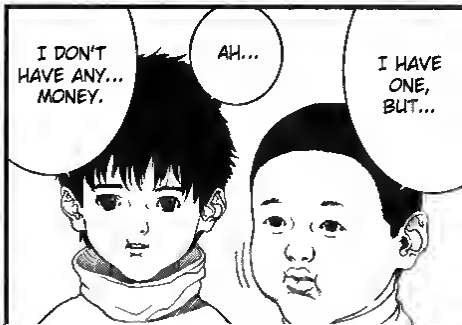
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
MURACHO ...
Y... YOU...
GRIPP
GRIPP

BAMM
TUNK


HEY...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ..
NERO OR YOSHI-KAZU USE A MONEY CARD
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY?

FLASH


YOU ALWAYS BRING FOOD FROM HOME.


I DON'T HAVE ANY... MONEY.
AH...
I HAVE ONE, BUT...

LET'S PUNISH HIM.
THAT ASSHOLE. HE'S NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THAT.
...THAT I SHOULD GET OUT OF THE WAY.
HE SAID...
...WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
THAT...
...THAT ASSHOLE!
THE WAY HE LOOKED DOWN ON ME...
THAT DISGUSTED EXPRESSION.
THAT EXPRES-SION...
IS THAT ALL?

DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE HIM CRY?
LET'S GET THAT BASTARD YAGAMI!
IT'S IN HIS RECORDS.
HE KNOWS KARATE.
HE'S BOTH FAST AND STRONG.
...HE LOOKS STRONG.
I WANT TO HURT HIM, BUT...
HE'S THE SAME AGE.
TRUE, TRUE.
IF HE'S SO GOOD, WHY DOESN'T HE JUST SKIP A GRADE?
THINK A LITTLE.
IT'S JUST AN ACT.

CHEW CAREFULLY!
?!
HE'S NOT WHAT HE SEEMS.
YOU SEE?
YAGAMI IS HERE.
SHH...
UH OH...
CHEW CAREFULLY!
POOR NERO.
GNUM
GNUM
THAT'S MORI-KAWA.
HEY...
!

YAGAMI...
THAT ISN'T FAIR...
I'LL FINISH IT.
I'LL DO IT.

HEH, HEH. HE DOESN'T GET IT.
LET'S GO!
THIS IS THE LAST.
FRICK
UAH! HAH! HAH! HAH!
THAT'S A GOOD ONE. HAH! HAH! HAH!
DODGE-BALL REVENGE?
STIR
SCHNUU

WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT'S THIS?
H... HEY...
TAP
TAP
AAGH!
ST
OK

[X008]
Violence

SBABAAM

ウソだ
ウソだ
ウソだ

RATTLE
RATTLE
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ざわ…
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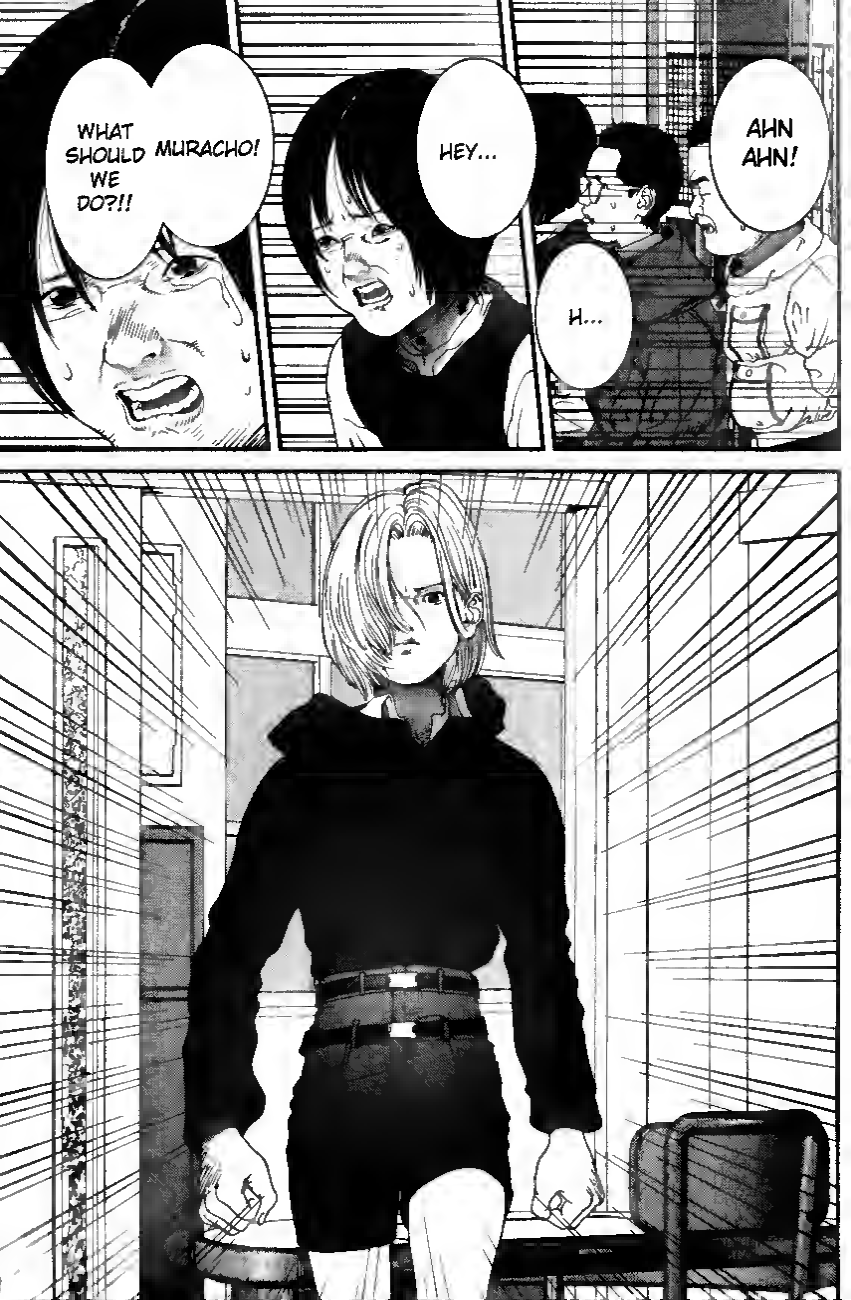

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!!
MURACHO!
HEY...
H...
AHN AHN!

AAAH!
YAAAAAH!
ロケット
エンゲージ!

TRUM TRUM
TRUMTRUM
SSHK
ドドド

OW!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
FASTER! FAS...
!?
STOP
GET OFF

DON'T MOVE!
STOP!
WHO'S IDEA WAS THIS?
WAS IT YOU?

THIS GUY?
THUD
BAM
THUD

UHH ERRR...
UHHH...
AHH... AHH...
LEE
RA TT
WHY DID YOU DO THIS?
SO?
UHUU---
AH AH AH ...
AH AH ...
YAGAMI!!
I'LL KILL YOU, SERIOUSLY.
ASSHOLE!
UUHAA!
UHUUU ...
SCARE

YOU'RE NEXT...!

Ah! Ah!
Asshole
AH! AH!
SHA
Asshole
SHAA
SHAM AM
Asshole

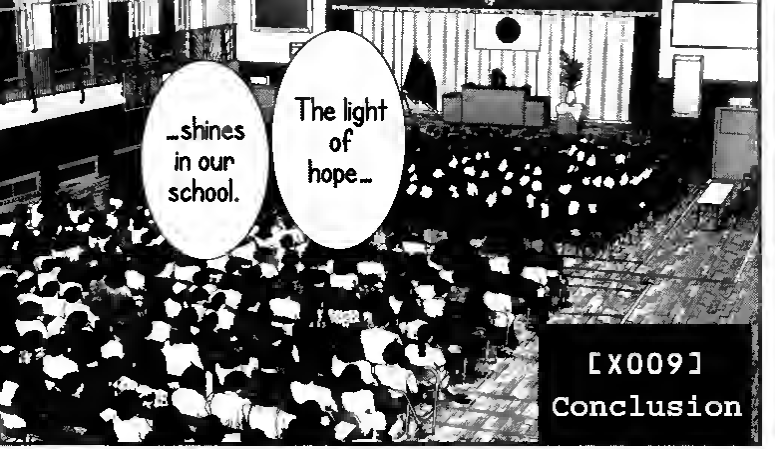
UAAAH!
VRUUUUUU
AAAH!

ドン ドン
BRAAAM
Asshole

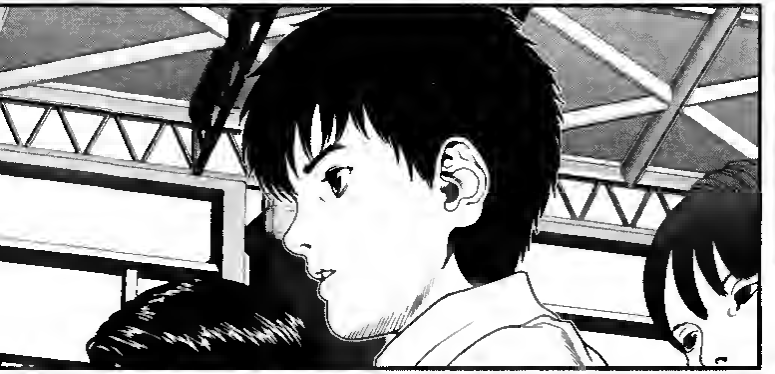
AHN!
AHN!
AHN!
AHN!

SON OF A DAMN WRESTLER.
ANTISOCIAL.
SCUM.
AHN!
AHN! AHN!
AHN AHN... YOU BASTARD...
BREAK HIS SKULL!!
HIT HIM! NOW!
GRR
KILL HIM! NOW!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!!

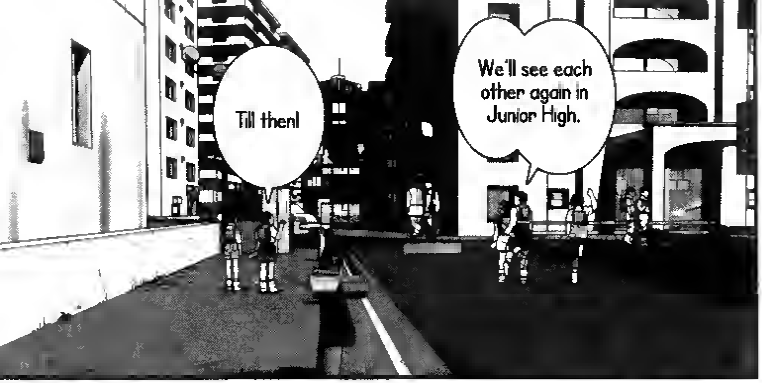
HEY, YOU THERE!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
Asshole
Queer
Die
...
AFTER THAT, ALL THE STUDENTS EXCEPT FOR YAGAMI WERE SENT TO THE TEACHERS' ROOM.
WHERE THEY ALL GOT YELLED AT FOR AN HOUR.



[X009] Conclusion



We're all going to New Koshigaya Junior High?
Let's go and play soccer together!
Nero and Yoshikazu too!
Ok!
Primary School Class 2B
Graduating Ceremony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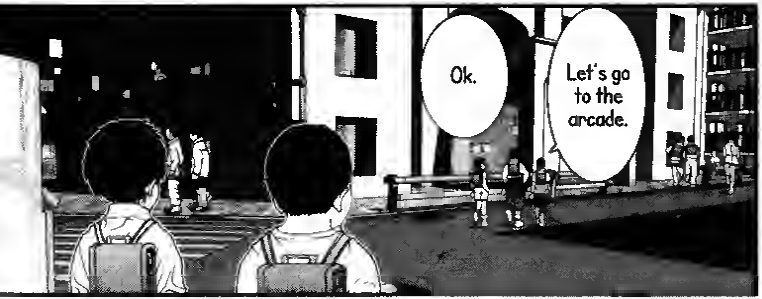
We'll see each other again in Junior High.


Ok.
Let's go to the arcade.

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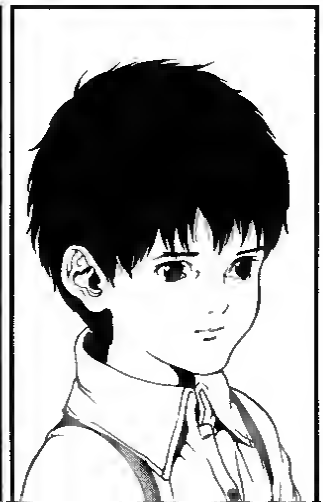
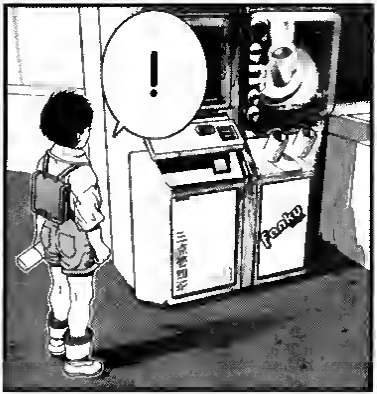


What's wrong?
Nero...
?
?
VUUM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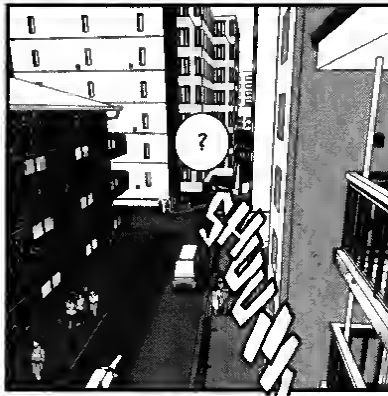
Pasky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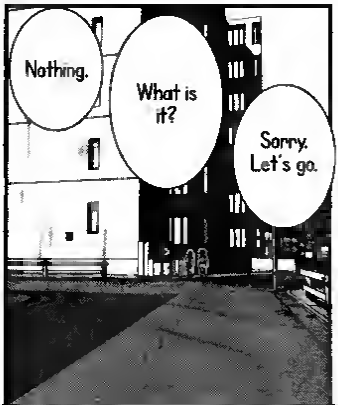
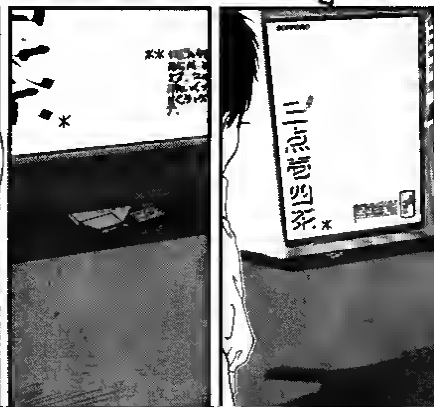
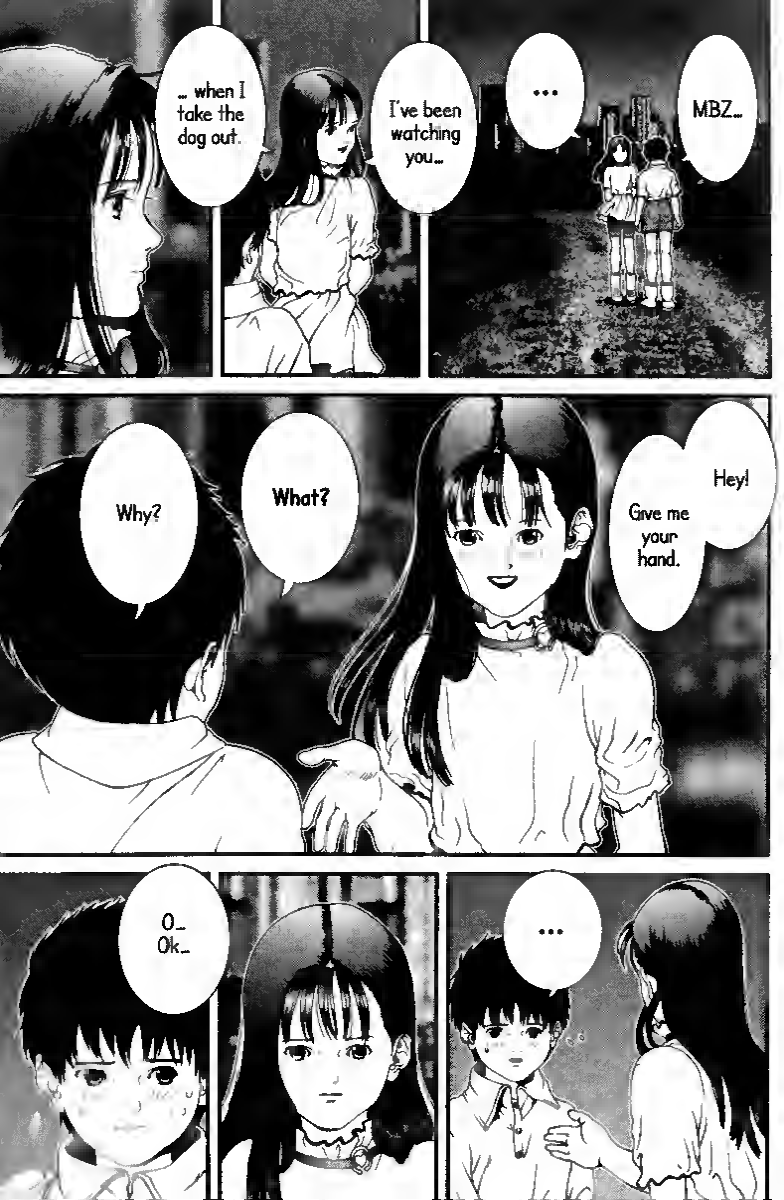
SHUN


Nothing.
What is it?
Sorry. Let's go.



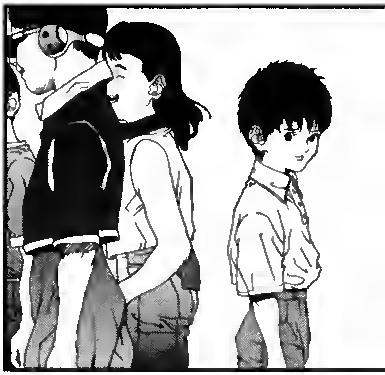
Nero, you have a visitor!

Do you like him?
... still think of Yagami, Isurugi?
Do you...
I know...
It was a joke.
No way.
What?
A game in the game center.
MBZ!
?!
... like to lose at.
I know what Yamagami doesn't...


MBZ...
...
I've been watching you...
... when I take the dog out.
Hey!
Give me your hand.
What?
Why?
...
O... Ok...

GRABB
You... are...
Oh!
To Toyama.
We... we're moving.
Bye...
Till then...
Bye...
Bye...

You going to marry her?
That was a pretty girl.
Ok...
...
Tomorrow you'll find your talent.
You don't have any vacation.
The age doesn't matter.
Be careful that they're good people
Ok.
Ok.
You have to find friends.
I'll say it again.
Me too.
I mustn't go to school.
I want...



...
...
EBEK

MBZI
A game in the game center

Can anybody enter?
He writes for a game magazine, yeah?
... waiting for an oppo-nent.
There's someone ...
HEY YOU! LET'S FIGHT ME!
MBZ
Moron.
Who can challenge a Level B?
?!
BYE

MBZ
battle start!!
He's challenging him.
Now...
...he fights...
I hope that asshole loses.
He won the last championship, didn't he?
But, they're both Level B.
He'll lose. His opponent writes for a game magazine.

Yeeeow! Wow!
KWAAH
BROOM
High levels sure are different
MBZ
Is that him?
Who is who?
I don't know...
Um...

But the black guy is the stronger one.
I don't know which one is Yagami.
Oraaaah!
He moves differently.
How can someone defeat a game journalist?
Punch him in the face!
Come again in ten years.
Heh, idiot.

SBAAM
Oh my...
What, with only one attack... yeah...
A decisive blow?
Wow.
Now that's something...
...I've never seen before!

He beat a game journalist?
Amazing
FRUSH
!?

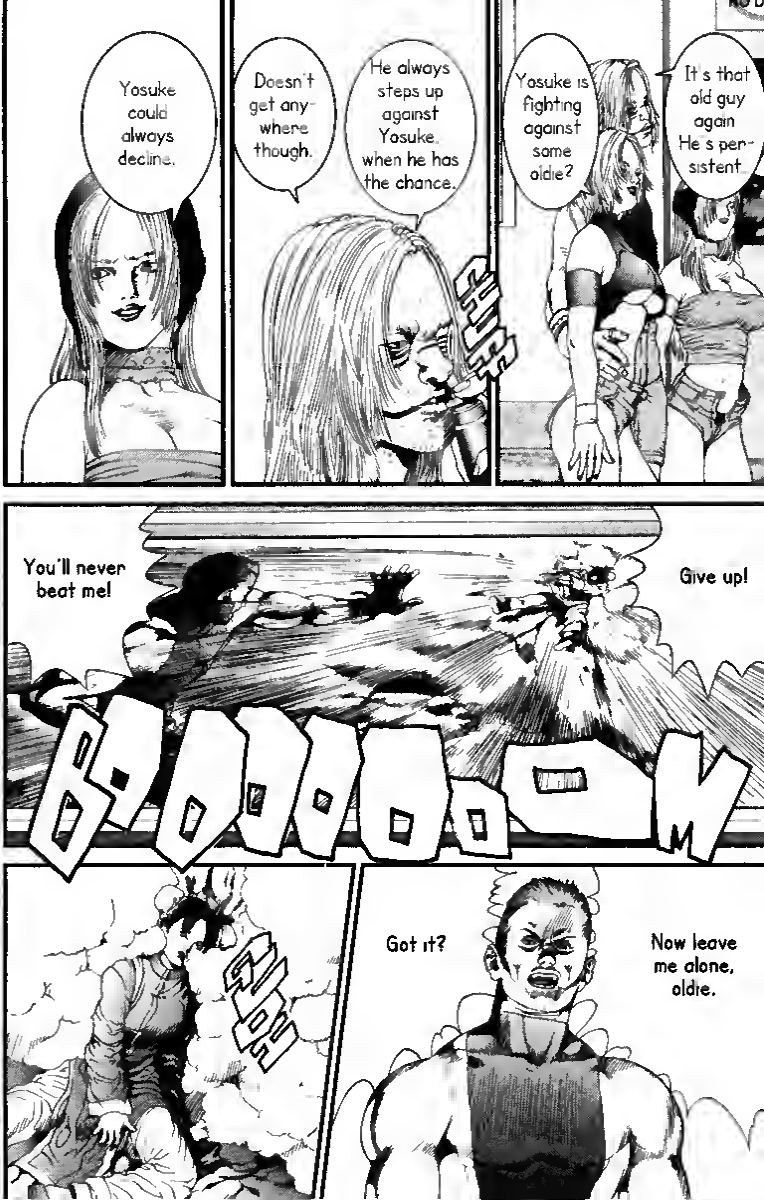
It's already August
You still haven't discovered it?
No
[X010] Determination
Here's the shopping list.
500 grams beef
6 eggs
1 onion
Devil's Tongue Curry package
Ok.
¥1,500.
That has to be enough for the month.
CLINGCLING
I'll be coming home a bit later. I have to work.
Watch over Tom and Clara thanks
...
Got it

Hi, Nero.
Who?
A friend of mine...
You don't see him very often, Yoshikazu?
No.

Nothing.
What do you want to do, Nero?
We'd like to go play.
We're in the basketball club
You haven't changed, Nero.
Ok
Let's go
Ah yeah? Ha ha!
And you too.

He's been here constantly for the last four months.
What's he doing here?
That kid's been here the whole day.
Who wins, or plays differently or plays well, and so forth
And he murmurs to himself
Odd... huh?
He always just stands there and stares at the screen. He never plays.
What are you doing here? You always watch what's going on, but never play.
Hey you!
?!

I... have money...
No, it isn't.
Is... that forbidden?
GASP
GASP
OH!
...
You belong at school
Oh Yosuke is playing now?


Yosuke could always decline.
Doesn't get anywhere though.
He always steps up against Yosuke when he has the chance.
Yosuke is fighting against some oldie?
It's that old guy again He's persistent
You'll never beat me!
Give up!
BLOW
Got it?
Now leave me alone, oldie.

I'm next
Yosukeee -
That was easy
You have no talent
You should stop playing MBZ oldie

…
Piss off!
-oldie?!
What are you doing there…
!!
Yeah
Off to work
Old diot

Their age doesn't matter
You have to find friends
Yeah, but the system was on a low level.
Did you know that the last championship was here?
Level B? Really? That's new to me
What? That's the champion?
Rei Yagami.
I'll beat all of them. Heh heh.

Oh.
Yes?
Excuse me.
Hello?
Uh... Uh...
Thank you. Later.
...
Is that mine?
Did I lose that?
...that disk?
What's on...

The model for my game avatar.
...
...
There are some preset avatars as well.
No.
...to play that game?
Must a person have an avatar...
Erm...
I must ... go.
What?
If someone wins... They can play again?
And it also records credit for another free game, if you win.
There's also the level on the disk.
...you don't need such a disk.
So if you don't make your own avatar...

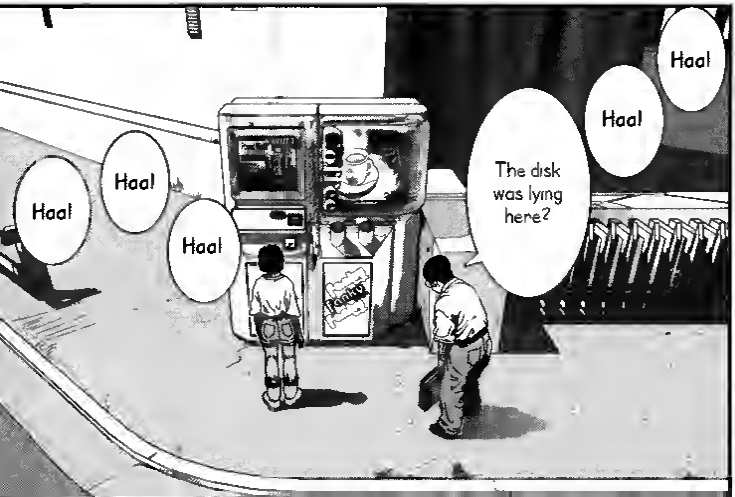
...
Is it different?
What's it like inside?
Inside.
No...
Eh..
Haven't you ever played it?
I've seen you here often.
What?!
Why don't we play a little against each other?
Perfect.
He's gone.
ピピピ
ピピピ

...
What is it?
You stick the credit card in here.
It's OK
A person learns easier when they play
Oh. Coins. That works also.
CHNG CHNG
You don't have any money?
Exactly stick it in there
Wow. How nostalgic.

¥1,500
That has to be enough for the month.
CLING-CLING
Ah, wait!

Are you sure it's for MBZ?
You said that there's a disk lying on the street...
Haa...

Haa!
Haa!

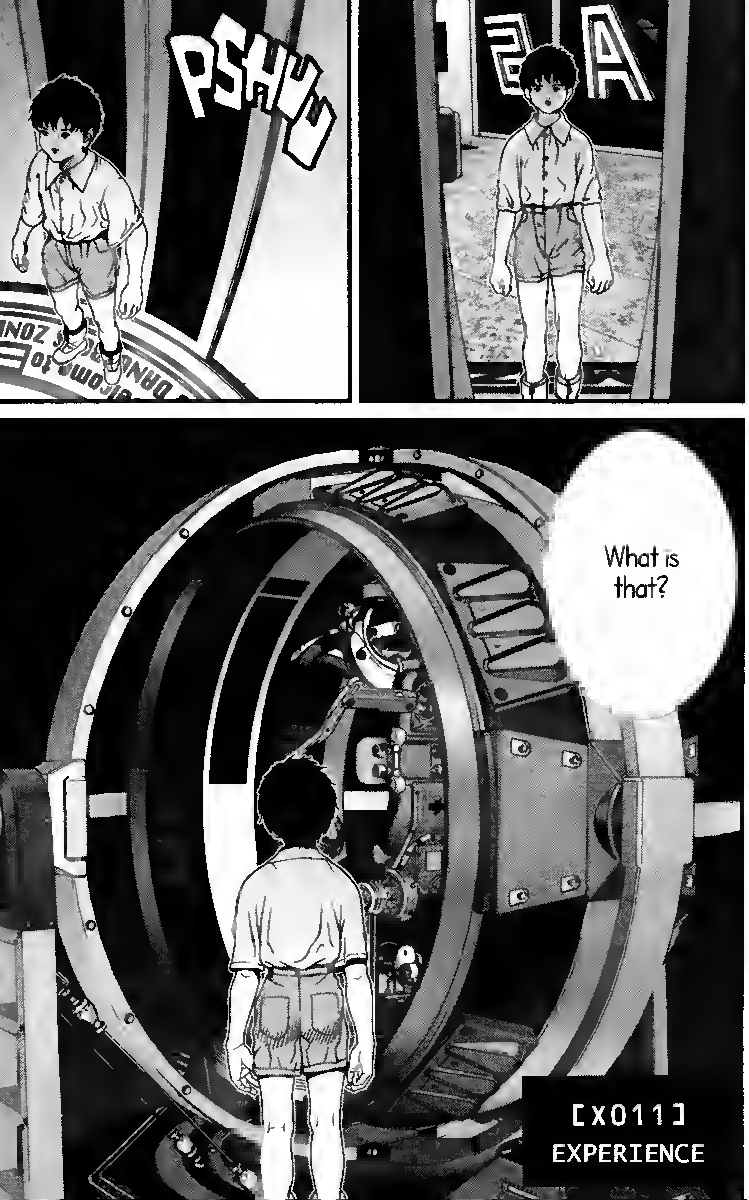

Haa!
Haa!
The disk was lying here?
Haa!
Haa!
Haa!
COFFEE
Pocky

He..
A couple days ago?
When did you see it?
Haa
Haa..?
Oh no..
Come on
I'll pay for a game for you
Come on!
It's certainly not there anymore
Four months ago!
You have it!
What?
Forget it. Someone else has already taken it..
...
Just.. a.. little more..

Haa!
Before it's full
All free...
Let's play
Haa!
That's a free level... and needs one credit to play
Really?
I'll go in here...
Wait at the options...

Hey, you
Ah!

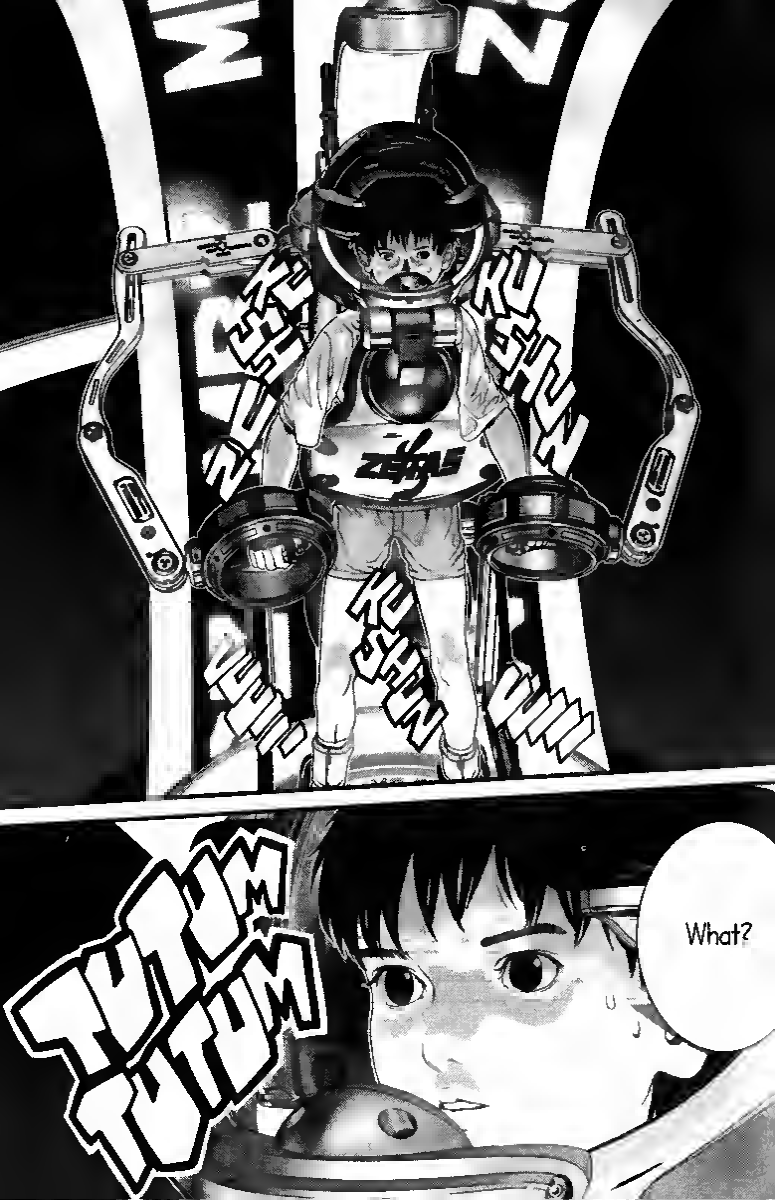
ピンポーン


PSHU
What is that?
[X011]
EXPERIENCE

TAP
In here?
ZETA ENTERTAINMENT
PRESENTS!!
Wow!

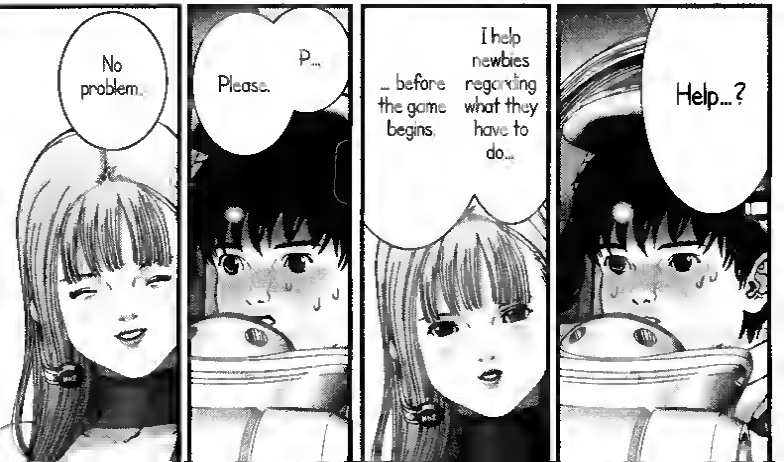
Is that the seat?
Take a seat and grip the handbars.
Oh... Yeah..
What?
Yes...
Huff!
Uaah!
These must be the grips.

Place yourself here.
Oh...
Ah...
Ah...
No...
What?
Whoa!


ZEBAS
KSHH
KSHH
KSHH
KSHH
TUM
TUM
TUM
What?

MBZ
WELCOME TO MBZ
Hello!
He...
Hello...
Haa!
Haa!
TU TUM
TU TUM

I am Chizuru Yoshida. Your navigator.
If you don't need my help...
...say "cancel", or press button A
ENTERTAINMENT


Help...?
I help newbies regarding what they have to do...
...before the game begins.
P...
Please.
No problem.

BZ
battle zone
First come...
here please.
THAKTAKTAP
So you must move yourself
MBZ is a battle-simulator
Just like you normally would move.
But how?
It feels like the ground.
Oh, yeah.
GGGGG
Haa!
Move...
FFF

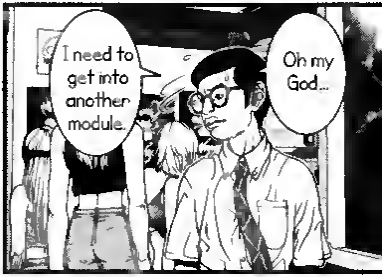
Haa!
TUM
TUM
BZ
Haa!
Haa!
TUM
TUM
Select whether you want to "challenge" or "wait."
You chose to wait.
W... wait.
Wait at the options.

Now pick an avatar

You can turn the table in either direction.
Pick from one of the eight standard avators
... or one of your own
Ha!
If there is one of my own...
... I'll take it.
The disk has an avatar...
... that the owner made
No problem!

Hey, you.
Ah...

Otherwise he'll end up playing against that big guy.
And quickly.


I need to get into another module.
Oh my God...

... in the next module.
I'll take that guy...
Can't be helped!

Challenger
Oh!
He looks so... normal
Is than an avatar?
TUM TUM
TUMTUM
TUM
Handshake?
Touch the hand of you avatar and begin
You have a challenger
TUM TUM
KA
SHAAAA
Oh!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴゴゴ

SH
Aah!

Whoops!
Whaa!
No, you won't.
I'll die! I'll die!
I...
First of all, hide yourself.
?
What?
Who?

What?
AAAAH!

T-shirt and jeans? Fashionably dressed, eh? Ha ha ha ha!
Ha ha ha! What a sight!
Level C.
Heh
That's a tough fighter
TAP TAP
[X012] TRANSFORMATION
POPM
Ha ha! Tasteless!
What? 01? Dumb name.
01? A special avatar?
Oh no...

AAAH!
KR
UU

SHUU
KRUSHH
CRASHH

AAH!
WAAH!
Ugh!

What?
Careful... From above..
I'm... still alive...
Haa..
Haa! Haa!

Hah...
Hah...
AAAAH!
SCREW

That isn't my hand...
Haa!
Haa!
I'm afraid.
Although, I do control...
...this young man.
...I'll be damned.
It looks all so real...
This is freaky.
The woman was also not real.
That man is nasty
I've had no chance to practice.
GUN GUN GUN

I wonder...
...who is it that's talking to me?
Me? I am your avatar, the one you're controlling.
Oh? Really?
I am named Zero One!
OPEN STAFF ONLY
You are my arms and legs...!

Look in front of you!
What?
Watch out. It's coming.
Zero One?
I'd like to run away
Oh... that is...
THUMP
Ah!
Too late!

That's the person who beat him.
That's not the avatar of that guy.
How uncool
And who are you?

I should have gone to another arcade.
You're a beginner?
Shit.
TUM
But... that man... I'm afraid of him.
Zero One must never lose.
TUM
What?
You should not lose. Your soul burns.
TUM
TUM
TUM

If I lose, I'll not be able to play again.
If I win, I'll have another free game.
True, but... I must not lose.
I will not lose!
I can not lose!
That's the spirit!

Aargh!
SKOK
Grasp the control and press all buttons.
I don t know how...
Raise a shield, moron!
So?!
SBAM
SHIELD

GRIP
TRAP
Not so easily!
?!
He's got my shoulder?
GRIP
FLY

WHAM

I'll never lose!
Never!
BAM
RRRR
Zap!
WRRUUUU

Haaa!
It's his first time.
He can't do anything about it.
Idiot!
Moron!
What's that supposed to do?
What an idiot!
Ha ha ha ha ha ha!
BAM!
SHUM
SHUM
What?
Just do what I say.
You forgot to push the buttons.
I thought that pose would create an energy pulse.

What is that?
Eh?!

What am I going to do with you now...?
This is no fun.
ザッ
ザッ

Convert!
K

Oh shi...
Zero One!
It's transforming...
What is that?
Hey look at that...
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